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Talk is of peace: reality is fighting

Panic grips Gorazde as tanks roll in

BY TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE, JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Muslim "safe haven" of Gorazde was gripped by mass panic yesterday when Serb tanks advanced into the town in spite of a ceasefire announced by the United Nations and the Bosnian Serb leadership.

Tanks closed in to within 100 yards of the main hospital and 500 yards of the UN headquarters before pulling back slightly as night fell. Médécins sans Frontières said the hospital had been hit, leaving staff and patients killed and wounded.

President Clinton last night ruled out air strikes to defend the enclave, saying that Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the British UN commander in the former Yugoslav republic, had decided that close air support would not have the "desired military effect".

Tens of thousands of people cowered in damaged buildings or on the rain-soaked streets as a radio ham in the town declared: "Before the eyes of the entire world, a city is dying." UN staff took shelter in a bank vault and an official said the building was trembling because of the tank shells and sniper fire.

"It's suicidal to step outside," Sylvana Foa of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said. "We're now up to about 30,000 panicking people who have moved into the centre of the town. Our building is full of people fleeing." UN staff who tried to look outside had been forced back indoors by the sniper fire.

General Ratko Mladic, commander of the Bosnian Serb army, had boasted on Saturday: "Gorazde will be in our hands by the end of the day," and the Belgrade news agency Tanjug reported the "imminent crushing of the Muslim offensive".

As the tanks advanced and fighting raged on several fronts, Yasushi Akashi and Radovan Karadzic agreed a truce that would mean the Serbs pulling back to three kilometres from the town, the deployment of 366 UN peacekeepers to police the safe area, including 50 Britons, and the release of UN hostages.

Nineteen Canadian peacekeepers were released, but other UN troops remained captive, the assault on Gorazde continued, and the Serbs also renewed attacks on other areas, including Sarajevo and Tuzla airport. Vitali Churkin, the Russian envoy who attended yesterday's talks at the Bosnian Serb headquarters in Pale as part of a frantic week of shuttle diplomacy, said last night: "I have heard more broken promises in the last 24 hours than I have heard in my entire life."

Mr Akashi, the UN's special envoy, emerged from the meeting optimistically declaring: "Dr Karadzic and I have agreed a ceasefire in and around Gorazde should become effective immediately." But within hours he was saying: "Gorazde is under serious threat and Serb forces surround the city at short distance. Shooting and shelling have subsided, but intermittently continue and tanks withdraw but reappear."

UN sources had earlier reported that the Serb tanks were pulling back from the town and that the area was quieter, although still tense, by nightfall.

Dr Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said: "We do hope very soon that we will have an agreement for signing on Gorazde and another agreement for a cessation of hostilities throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina. This war must end."

The Bosnian government was infuriated by yesterday's talks and Haris Silajdzic, the Prime Minister, described the safe areas policy a ridiculous farce. The international community's solution to the latest Serb offensive was to let them achieve their objective, he said. "Congratulations to the West."

UN officers were also critical of the Pale talks, saying the Serbs had taken Mr Akashi for a ride. "This whole crisis has been marked by empty threats and half-hearted attempts to deter the Serbs," one officer said. "This has made them all the more confident and has, in effect, immunised them to the threat of air strikes."

The Serbs have been whittling away at the "safe area" since March 30, although on Saturday they ceased a major offensive when Nato warplanes were called in to destroy their tanks. A British Sea Harrier was shot down by a Sam-7 surface-to-air missile as the plane searched for one of the tanks, the pilot parachuted to safety and the other planes were called off. By the time they were ready to attack again, the Serbs had ceased firing.

Serb troops meanwhile continued their harassment around Sarajevo and in the early hours of yesterday morning, they opened fire with machineguns and grenades on a British observation post on a front line north of the city.

Other British troops near by returned fire in the war's most forceful exchange between peacekeepers and the Serbs. The Coldstream Guards retaliated with machineguns and cannon, destroying seven Serb bunkers. "They made a silly mistake," one British officer said. While another said: "We gave them what for."

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JAMES MORGAN

Griff Rhys Jones, who won the Olivier Award for best comedy actor for his role in *An Absolute Turkey*, arriving at the Palladium with his wife, Jo

National's night of triumph in Olivier awards

BY ALISON ROBERTS

IN A night of triumph for the Royal National Theatre, the musical *Sweeney Todd* and the dark drama *Machinal* carried off eight of the 1994 Olivier Awards, presented at the London Palladium yesterday. The honours, including ones for both leading ladies, accounted for almost a third of the awards.

The Times's own special award went to Peter Brook, the director, for his outstanding contribution to the theatre. It marks a career that has spanned more than 50 years and is set to continue to enthrall audiences when his production of *The Man Who*, based on Oliver Sachs' bizarre medical stories, which opens in London next month at the end of a long British tour. The winners of the Times' Readers' Award will be announced tomorrow.

Among the guests at the presentation were Trevor Nunn, Sir Ian McKellen, Helen Mirren, Sir George Solti and Simon Cadell, the comedy actor, who is fighting cancer. He received an emotional welcome when he presented the award for best comedy actor to Griff Rhys Jones for his role in *An Absolute Turkey*.

The awards were dominated by the subsidised theatre, with disapointment for Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, the man credited with reviving the West End musical. His hit *Sunset Boulevard* was beaten to the best musical prize by the 1940s-style thriller *City of Angels*, which proved a commercial flop at the Prince of Wales Theatre. Last night's ceremony marked the achievements of newcomers as well as established names.

Rylance: Best actor for *Much Ado About Nothing*

Fiona Shaw: Best actress award for *Machinal* role

Tom Stoppard, the playwrights, won the BBC Best Play Award for *Arcadia*, described as a mixture of "sex, science and landscape-gardening". Mr Stoppard beat several of the United States' finest writers to win the award, including Arthur Miller and David Mamet.

The ceremony also marked the return to Shaftesbury Avenue of a Shakespeare play, the first performed there in 65 years. *Much Ado About Nothing* may have lost its promoters £80,000 but Mark Rylance picked up the best actor award for his performance as Benedick.

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Police kill off-duty British marine at Bosnia checkpoint

BY ROBI DUTTA

AN off-duty Royal Marine yesterday became the fourth British serviceman to be killed in the war in Bosnia when he was shot in the head by Bosnian government police in Sarajevo.

Timothy Coates, 28, a marine on attachment to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as a driver to the British liaison officer, was shot through the head at a checkpoint of the Muslim-led Bosnian army shortly after midnight on Saturday. Coates, who was not in uniform, was believed to have been breaking the 10pm to 5am curfew. He was discovered by civilians lying in a pool of blood in a Sarajevo street in the early hours of yesterday morning and died several hours later in Kosevo Hospital.

UN forces and local police from both sides were last night investigating the exact circumstances of the shooting of Coates, who was unmarried and came from Hastings, Sussex. He joined the Royal Marines in 1989. Captain Bob Fanshawe, spokesman for 42 Commando at Bickleigh Barracks in Plymouth, Devon, said: "He was killed in the early hours of the morning at a Bosnian checkpoint. I understand he was not driving at the time but we do not know any further details. The Sarajevo and our own military police are investigating. His parents, who live in Sussex, have been informed and are obviously extremely upset."

Coates is the second British soldier to die in Bosnia since Friday when Fergus Rennie, an SAS Corporal, died from bullet wounds near the Bosnian town of Gorazde.

As tributes were paid to Corporal Rennie, 28, who served in the Parachute Regiment, his family said they were unaware that he was serving in Bosnia until they were told of his death in a telephone call from the army on Friday night. They had not seen him since Christmas.

"He was not allowed to talk about his army work with

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Lara poised for Test 300

Brian Lara, the West Indies batsman, was on course yesterday to become the twelfth player to score 300 in the history of Test cricket. Shortly after tea on the second day of the fifth and final Test match against England in Antigua, Lara had reached an unbeaten 279 out of his side's 450 for four when rain stopped play.

West Indies began the day on 274 for three, with Lara on 164. He and Arthurton batted through the morning session and England enjoyed their only success of the day when Arthurton was caught behind off Caddick for 47.

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Outlook gloomy for High Street

High Street sales are expected to falter after a sluggish start to the year, according to statistics published by the CBI today.

The gloomy outlook might result in a 0.25 per cent cut in base rates, following the good inflation figures that were disclosed last week. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is concerned that there is "a significant risk that the fiscal measures would slow down the recovery" .....Page 44

Gusts rob Mexican of record marathon

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

DIONICIO Ceron, who was born into poverty in Mexico but is now one of the highest-earning athletes in the world, led 26,000 runners through blustery conditions to win the London Marathon yesterday.

One runner, Michael Coleman, 51, of Havant, Hampshire, collapsed and died on the Isle of Dogs during the race. He was the third fatality in the event's history. It was his second London Marathon.

Watched by hundreds of thousands of spectators and by an estimated six million British television viewers, Ceron, the world's top-ranked runner last year, finished in 2 hours 8 minutes 51 seconds. The world record is 2 hours 6 minutes 50 seconds.

Katrin Dorre, of Germany, won the women's event for the third successive year. She did 2 hours 32 minutes 33 seconds. Janette Picton, the former international discuss thrower who shed 5½ stone to run, did 2 hours 54 minutes 41 seconds.

Sir Roger Bannister, who started the event, said he believed the wind cost the leading runners three minutes: Chris Brasher, the founder, estimated the handicap as at least two minutes. In probably the highest quality men's field in the 14 years of the annual race, Britain's highest finisher was Eamonn Martin, last year's champion. He was eighth.

Ceron, who had abandoned hopes of setting a world record when he went for a walk at 5.30am yesterday, earned £45,500 for his victory to add to the £275,000 he received in prize money last year.

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Ceron: earned £45,500 from his victory



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IRA hit list puts Westminster on security alert

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

A COMPREHENSIVE review of security has been completed after the discovery of an IRA hit list naming dozens of new targets including MPs, judges and civil servants as well as sites of historical significance.

The list, found seven weeks ago, is more recent than the one referred to in the Old Bailey trial last week involving two men charged with terrorist offences, which they have denied. At least one senior backbencher has been placed under 24-hour armed protection after the discovery of the list, which included dozens of establishment and military figures.

All MPs were given a general security warning, and some were given more specific advice. Arrangements at Westminster were tightened and methods used to search cars parked at the Commons upgraded. Among those on the list were Andrew Hunter, chairman of the Conservative Northern Ireland committee and outspoken critic of the IRA and Sinn Fein. Two months ago Mr Hunter, MP for Basingstoke, wrote to the Prime Minister complaining that it was absurd to give the IRA and Sinn Fein more time to reply to the Downing Street declaration because they were just "playing games". Others included Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, who was a previous Northern Ireland Secretary, and Sir Patrick Mayhew, the present Ulster Secretary.

Scotland Yard would not comment on the list last night and there are few details of how it came into its possession. It is known that it was discovered in a house on the mainland a fortnight before the mortar attacks last month on Heathrow airport, which was not identified as one of the targets on the list.

Dublin tries to calm Unionist fear over Reynolds plan


Reynolds: willing to take political risks

BY NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish government tried yesterday to allay Unionist fears after Albert Reynolds, the Prime Minister, had outlined his vision for a "new and agreed Ireland" with 30 per cent of government posts reserved for Ulster politicians.

A senior Irish government source said Mr Reynolds was merely floating ideas when he told a Fianna Fail youth conference on Saturday that he would provide "far-reaching guarantees" for Unionists in a united Ireland.

The source said: "The Taoiseach was pushing his ideas up the flag pole to see how they would be received. His proposals would be debated in the context of an overall settlement."

Unionists reacted angrily after Mr Reynolds spelt out the merits of Irish unity for Unionists in his speech in Malahide, Co Dublin. He said it would boost the Irish economy as a whole and would allow Unionists to take part in government.

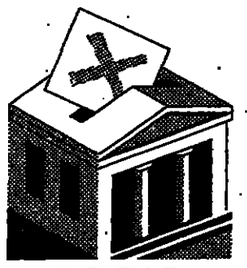
"I personally would be prepared to provide a guaranteed 30 per cent of places in an enlarged government, and throughout the public sector, for as long as was necessary, to members of the two communities in the north in proportion to their respective populations," Mr Reynolds said. He added that a united Ireland would be able to secure a better deal for Ulster farmers. He even suggested that Irish society was more tolerant and liberal than Northern Ireland.

Mr Reynolds tried to couch his proposals in language that would not upset Unionists, and he said that a majority in Northern Ireland would not be coerced into a united Ireland.

The government source said that Mr Reynolds knew Unionists would initially dismiss his speech, but he believes there will never be progress unless he takes risks. "Unionists now know his starting position. He knows his ideas may have sounded premature, but he is prepared to take risks. If he didn't nothing would be done. Republicans have reached a road block on whether to give up violence. While they ponder what to do Mr Reynolds is not going to twiddle his thumbs."

Yesterday Unionists dismissed Mr Reynolds's proposals as unrealistic and unacceptable. James Molyneaux, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, said: "The greater number of people in Northern Ireland are not orphans wandering about in barren landscapes waiting for somebody to let them in. They are quite happy, Protestant and Catholic alike, to remain within the bigger unit of the United Kingdom and they bear no ill will towards their southern neighbour."

Smith leads attack as poll predicts a windfall for Labour



BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW evidence suggests that the Government faces devastating local election losses in one of the most critical regions.

John Smith, the Labour Leader, will head his party's attack on Tory-controlled councils in London, where an opinion poll has predicted that the Tories will lose control of all but four boroughs.

Mr Smith will join the election fray, after resting an injured ankle, at a rally in the capital as Labour attempts to exploit Tory vulnerability among the 1,915 seats to be decided.

John Major will respond by making another regional visit to lead the Government's campaign, which will concentrate on the cost and efficiency of services under Tory councils.

If reality matched the results of analysis of the Gallup poll carried out last month, such losses in London would open up fears of an electoral slaughter in June, when many Tory European seats will come under threat.

The three main political parties will also step up their campaigns in the Midlands and Scotland this week. They are all playing down their chances of net gains on May 5, but as well as Labour's hopes of gains in London, the Tories expect to see wins in the Midlands. The Liberal Democrats could make ground in all three areas. All 32 London boroughs, 36 English metropolitan districts (one third of the seats), 114 English shire districts (one third of the seats), four Welsh shire districts (one third of the seats) and 12 Scottish regional and island councils face the voters in a contest which some see as a referendum on Mr Major's leadership.

The Tories run 35 of these councils, Labour 99, the Liberal Democrats 10, Independents one, and 63 are under no overall control. In Scotland, Labour holds four councils, the independents four and the other four are hung.

The Scottish regional council elections will be fought principally on the Government's plans to abolish most regional and district councils in 1996 and replace them with single-tier councils.

Tory candidates will also be defending plans to remove control of water and sewage from councils to create three state-owned water authorities.

The Tories now privately concede that they are close to bedrock levels of support throughout Britain and would have to perform abysmally to suffer significant losses. In 1990, mainly due to the poll tax, the Conservatives lost 172 seats, while Labour gained 277. The Liberal Democrats lost 88.

Kenneth Baker, the then party chairman, deflected attention from the bloodier parts of the battlefield by highlighting Tory triumphs in London, where Wandsworth and Westminster swung hard to the right. Ealing fell to the Tories and Brent slipped out of Labour control.

By turning the spotlight on London, the chairman succeeded in overshadowing a dozen Labour gains in the provinces, ranging from Bradford in the North to Watford and Merton in the South East.

On May 5 the picture could be reversed. Labour has its hopes pinned on London where it expects to wrest a substantial number of seats from the Tories. It sees no prospect of gains in controlled Westminster or Wandsworth but is confident in the outer London boroughs, particularly Ealing, Enfield and Croydon.

Labour needs to win only three seats to gain overall control in Enfield, five in Ealing, and six in Croydon. Brent, where the Tories are the largest party, and Redbridge are also Labour targets. Barnet, Bexley and Bromley could be vulnerable if the swing to Labour creeps into double figures.

Labour now controls 15 boroughs in London against the Tories' 11 and the Liberal Democrats' three. The Tories are the largest party in the three remaining councils, which are hung.

The London elections will be critical for the Tories as they are defending 731 seats in the capital, compared with only 534 in the rest of England and Wales and 52 in the Scottish regions.

Outside London the picture is more hazy, partly because only a third of metropolitan council seats and district council seats are up for election.

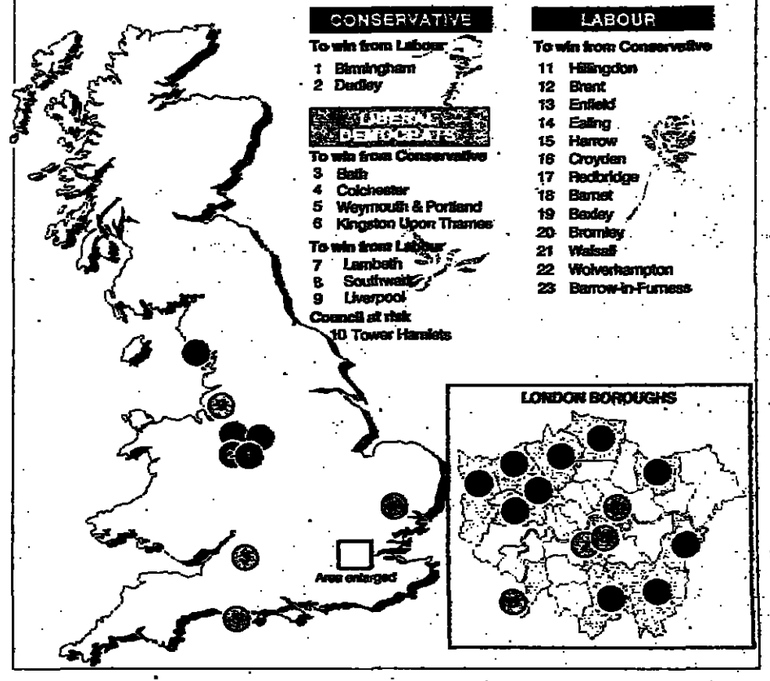
The Tories are hoping to win back some of the ground they lost to Labour in the Midlands and the North West. A key target is Derby where no party has overall control but the Tories have a casting vote. They will also fight tooth and nail to take overall control in Dudley and Wolverhampton where they need only three more seats in each council.

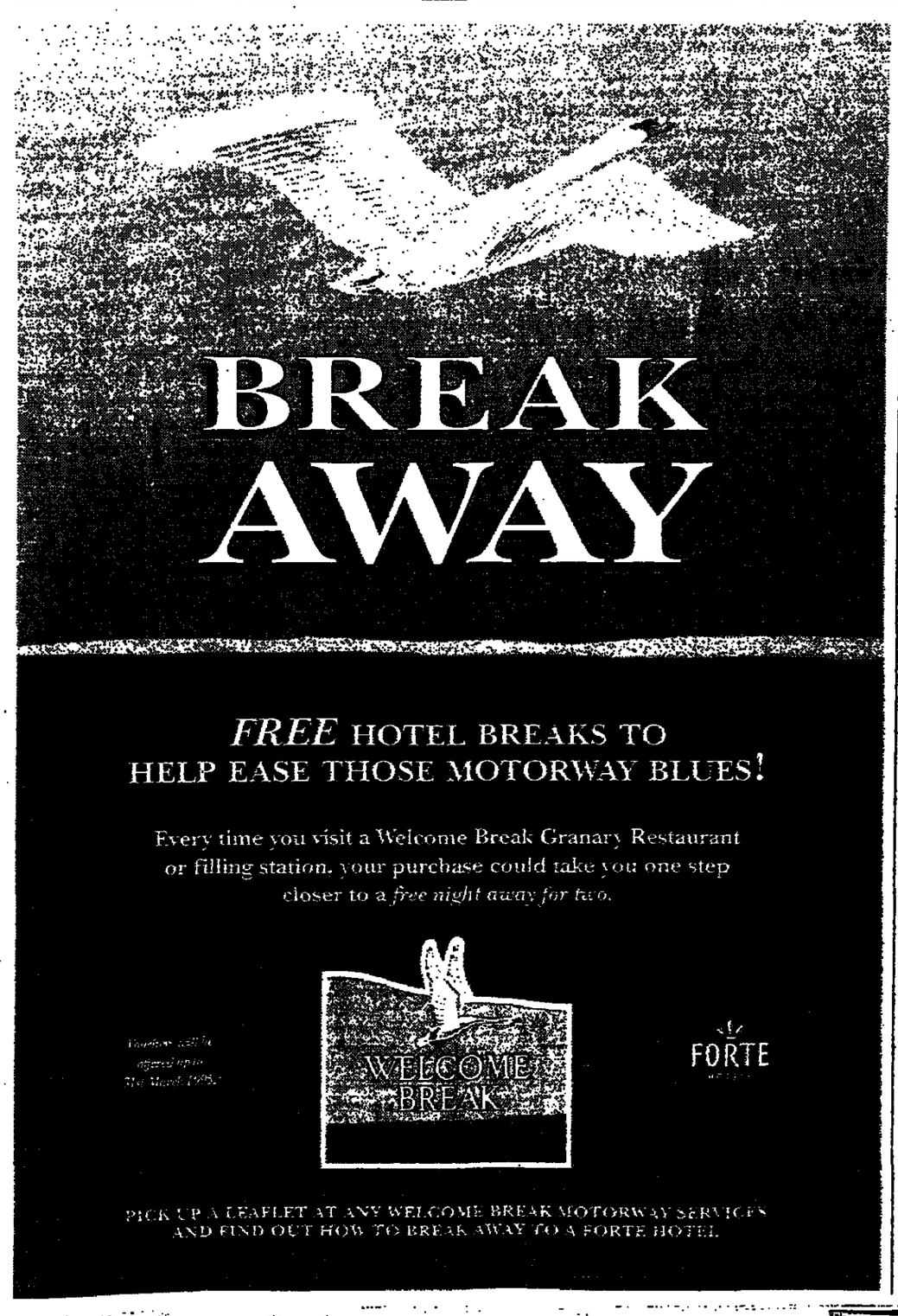
The Conservatives are still hoping to make inroads in Birmingham where Labour has a small majority.

Labour concedes that it could be a struggle to retain Birmingham, but hopes to gain ground in Wolverhampton and Walsall.

The Liberal Democrats intend to target the Labour heartlands of the North. They will campaign on an anti-establishment ticket arguing that in areas such as Oldham and Sheffield, Labour have clung on to power for too long.

In the South West, the Liberal Democrats are hoping to gain control in Bath and Weymouth and Portland, both under Tory control.





Work on sex education suspended

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE Health Education Authority has suspended its sex education programme after a dispute over an explicit sex guide for teenagers.

A meeting of the board decided on the suspension to allow a review of the authority's work in sex education. A booklet for teenagers, *Your Pocket Guide to Sex*, was withdrawn by the authority last month after Dr Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, denounced it as "smutty".

Sir Donald Maitland, chairman of the authority, denied a newspaper report that the authority's sex education work had been halted indefinitely. "In the light of the controversy over the pocket guide it would have been irresponsible not to review the work in hand. Equally it would have been irresponsible to interrupt this work indefinitely, and it will be resumed as soon as possible."

Sir Donald said the sex education programme was a vital part of the Health of the Nation initiative and would not be dropped. Ministers, however, had a view on what was appropriate and that was taken into account.

The authority's future is in doubt after a review of its role by John Lee, a former Tory MP. Sir Donald, whose five-year term as chairman expired last month, has agreed to stay a few more weeks until a decision is reached.

Benefit and tax link rejected

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

RADICAL changes to integrate the taxation and benefit systems are rejected today by the Social Justice Commission, the Labour Party's independent think-tank.

The commission dismisses the proposal, designed to simplify complexities and remove the stigma attached to claiming benefits, as "not convincing".

Calls for the two systems to be linked arose from the belief by Labour that the present regime created serious inequalities. But the commission concludes that integration would not be the "silver bullet" to solve the problems of a crumbling welfare system.

The commission, set up by Mr Smith to review social and economic policy, is investigating a series of changes, including the payment of benefits to everyone, funded by higher taxes for some.

The paper, written in conjunction with Andersen Consulting, which advises the Social Security Department, calls for closer co-ordination between the Inland Revenue and benefits agencies.

Its conclusion underlines the views of Donald Dewar, the shadow Social Security Secretary, who has resisted calls for the party to embark on a root-and-branch reform of the present structure. However, the report leaves open the possibility of introducing a new structure for pensioners, whose circumstances change less frequently.

Marine killed at checkpoint

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anyone so it was not until late on Friday night that we realised where he had been and what had happened," his brother Angus said.

Mr Rennie said his brother was a "quiet chap with his head screwed on" who was very dedicated to the army. Fergus Rennie had wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and join the army since he was a small child. "Given the nature of his job, he was very modest about it. People liked him all the more because of that. He was very good at his job," his brother said.

Lieutenant Nick Richardson, the British Harrier pilot who parachuted to safety after being shot down over Gorazde on Saturday, was safe but still in the besieged town last night.

His wife and three young children live near the Royal Naval Air Station in Yeovilton, Somerset. "Luckily, the children are really too young to realise that their daddy is in the news," Yvonne Richardson, the pilot's wife, told the Devon News Agency, after she was telephoned on Saturday by the commander of the 801 Naval Air Squadron and told her husband was safe. "But the eldest, James, who is five, knows his dad is away on a big ship and when he sees Bosnia on the TV he knows daddy is involved in some way."

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Counterfeit printers caught red-handed

Four men were arrested yesterday when police broke up a multi-million-pound counterfeit ring. Officers said the men were printing forged notes worth up to £6 million at the time of the raid in Islington, north London. Fake £50, £20 and £10 notes were seized, along with a printing press, plates and negatives. Plates were also found for $50 bills. Each print run of fake notes had an estimated street value of between £5 million and £6 million.

The raid was followed by searches of the four arrested men's homes. At one address police uncovered a quantity of Spanish and Romanian currency. The South East Regional Crime Squad, which carried out the raid, said: "It is a significant haul. We have been able to take away the whole of the printing process. We believe we have smashed the counterfeit ring. We caught them red-handed. They were doing a print run as we entered the building. We don't know how many runs the plates were good for, nor if this was the first run." In the past 12 months the squad had seized about £13 million of counterfeit money.

Hunt for two gunmen

Police are hunting two gunmen who left a couple for dead after shooting them in the lobby of their west London flat. The owner of the flat, believed to be of Middle East origin, survived four shots to his head and back. His companion survived a single shot to her mouth. The would-be assassins, said to be of Arabic appearance, were lying in wait for the couple, shooting them as they stepped out of a lift at their Bayswater flat on Saturday night. The injured man is in a critical condition at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington. The woman is described as stable.

Hope for kidnap boy

Police in Athens are working on a possible breakthrough in the hunt for Ben Needham, the English toddler who has been missing since he was snatched on the island of Kos three years ago. Kerry Needham, his mother, spoke last night of her hopes that the search may be close to a conclusion after a call by a Greek man to a telephone hotline set up last month after a visit by her to Greece. South Yorkshire police, who are liaising with the family, said the man who made the call claimed to know where Ben was, his abductor, and the new name he had been given.

Smoker to sue NHS

A heart patient whose by-pass operation was paid for by a tobacco company plans to sue an NHS trust hospital, claiming that it refused to treat him because he smoked. Michael Safe, a former NHS nurse aged 45, was operated on at a private clinic after a consultant retained by the Enlightened Tobacco Company — makers of the Death brand of cigarettes — said he needed immediate treatment. He had discharged himself from Hull Royal Infirmary after a dispute with doctors there. The hospital denies refusing him treatment because he is a smoker.

Iron Age sword stolen

Thieves have stolen one of Britain's most important Iron Age treasures, the 2000-year-old "Peterborough sword", which was discovered intact on a river bed ten years ago. The theft from Peterborough Museum during opening hours was discovered on Friday and has raised questions about security in cash-starved local museums. Ron McKenna, of the Peterborough Archaeological Group, said: "The museum has no cameras, few cases have alarms, and there are only two or three attendants patrolling a very big building."

Actress pays fan's bail


The actress Lynn Redgrave, left, has put up £10,000 bail to secure the release from prison of a British Michael Jackson fan held in Los Angeles. Denise Pfeiffer, 34, from Leicester, was being held on charges of threatening Jordan Chandler, 14, who had alleged that he was sexually abused by the singer. The British actress, who is based in the US, helped Miss Pfeiffer after hearing about her case in the media.

Woman attacked in bed

A masked man who attacked and tried to rape an 80-year-old former Army nurse in her bed in the South Kensington area of west London may strike again, police said yesterday. The slim, softly-spoken attacker climbed through the bedroom window of the woman's ground-floor flat on Fulham Road on Saturday. He hit her in the face before fleeing.

Football match death

A football player died after collapsing as his wife and two children watched him play in a village match yesterday. The 43-year-old man had a suspected heart attack during a local contest in the Oxfordshire village of Hailey, near Witney. He suffered another attack in the ambulance and was certified dead at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

Yeomen on parade

The Queen, the Queen Mother and the Duke of Edinburgh braved biting winds to celebrate 200 years of the Yeomanry Regiment. Former yeomen joined the current regiment from all over Britain to march through Windsor Great Park. The volunteer regiment was set up in 1794 because of fears of an invasion by the French.

Titanic matches sold

A box of matches carried off the Titanic by a crewman as the liner was sinking has fetched £1,430 at auction. Titanic memorabilia was in strong demand at the sale by Onslows, a specialist auction house in west London. A ticket to the launch ceremony made £1,750 and a letter written on board the day she sailed from Southampton fetched £5,300.

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Star-studded audience sees commercial West End shows upstaged by subsidised productions

National Theatre steals the show at Olivier Awards

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE Royal National Theatre triumphed at the Olivier Awards last night, scooping up nearly a third of the prizes.

The ceremony, held by the Society of London Theatre with the support of *The Times*, marked a victory by subsidised theatre over the commercial West End, with most of the awards going to publicly-funded companies.

The National's drama *Machinal*, starring Fiona Shaw as an unsentimental wife in a souless marriage, won four awards. Stephen Sondheim's musical *Sweeney Todd* picked up another four for the theatre.

The productions highlighted two of last year's best performances: Julia McKenzie as Mrs Lovett in *Sweeney Todd*, described by *The Times* critic Benedict Nightingale as never losing "her contemptuous cynicism", won the award for best actress in a musical. Ms Shaw was best actress in a drama.

The pre-eminence of the National was shown by its success in other categories announced at the Palladium Theatre, London. Best supporting actor was Joseph Mydell for *Perestroika* and Stephen Daldry took the best director award for *Machinal*.

From a rich selection of 1993's new plays by some of Britain's well-established playwrights, Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*, another RNT production, was awarded the BBC best play prize. Stoppard beat three American nominations: David Mamet, Tony Kushner and Arthur Miller.

Leading theatrical personalities, some flown in from America, attended the celebrations, including Helen Mirren, Sir Ian McKellen, Felicity Kendal, John Hurt, Alan Bates, Trevor Nunn and Sir Georg Solti.

While subsidised companies did well, the production of *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Queen's Theatre was also rewarded. Known as "Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue", it was the first staging of the Bard on theatreland's most famous street for 55 years. Despite losing more than £80,000, *Much Ado* was highly acclaimed and its leading man, Mark Rylance, picked up the best actor award.

A blow for the subsidised sector was highlighted by the Outstanding Achievement in Dance category. It was won by the dancers of London Contemporary Dance Theatre for their 1993 season at Sadler's Wells. But the company, which has lacked strong artistic direction, and consequently funding, is shortly to close.

The Times's own award was won by the director Peter Brook for outstanding contribution to British theatre. Milestones in a career spanning more than 50 years include his 1962 direction of Paul Scofield in *King Lear*.

The Royal Opera House took the best new opera production award. *La Damnation de Faust* by Berlioz was "an evening of overwhelming musical splendour", according to *The Times*'s Rodney Milnes. But it was not a night for the man who has done more than anyone to revive the West End. Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Sunset Boulevard* lost to *City of Angels* in the American Express Award for best musical.

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Best Actor: Mark Rylance — *Much Ado About Nothing*, Queen's Theatre

Best Actress: Fiona Shaw — *Machinal*, the RNT's Lyttelton

Best Director of a Musical: Declan Donellan — *Sweeney Todd*, RNT's Lyttelton

Best Director of a Play: Stephen Daldry — *Machinal*

Best Revival: *Machinal*

Best Comedy Performance: Griff Rhys Jones — *An Absolute Turkey*, the Globe

Best New Dance Production: *Choreartium* — Birmingham Royal Ballet, Royal Opera House

Best New Opera Production: *La Damnation de Faust* — The Royal Opera, Royal Opera House

Best Musical Revival: *Sweeney Todd*

Best Entertainment: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, adapted and staged by Patrick Stewart, Old Vic

Best Actress in a Musical: Julia McKenzie — *Sweeney Todd*

Best Actor in a Musical: Alun Armstrong — *Sweeney Todd*

***The Times* Award:** Peter Brook, for outstanding contribution to British theatre

BBC Award for Best Play: *Arcadia* — Tom Stoppard, RNT's Lyttelton and Theatre Royal, Haymarket

American Express Award for Best Musical: *City of Angels* — book by Larry Gelbart, music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by David Zippel, Prince of Wales

Best Comedy: *Hysteria* — by Terry Johnson, Royal Court

Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Joseph Mydell — *Perestroika*, the RNT's Cottesloe

Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Helen Burns — *The Last Yankee*, Duke of York's

Best Supporting Performance in a Musical: Sara Kestelman — *Cabaret*, Donmar Warehouse

Best Choreographer in Theatre: Luke Cresswell and Steve McNicholas — *Stomp*, Sadler's Wells

Best Set Designer: Mark Thompson — *Hysteria*

Best Lighting Designer: Rick Fisher — *Hysteria*, *Machinal* and *Moonlight*, the Comedy

Best Costume Designer: Gerald Scarfe — *An Absolute Turkey*, Globe

Outstanding Achievement in Opera: Orchestra of English National Opera — *Lohengrin* and *Inquest of Love*, Coliseum

Outstanding Achievement in Dance: Dancers of London Contemporary Dance Theatre for season at Sadler's Wells

***The Times* Readers' Award** will be announced tomorrow.





JAMES MORGAN

Susan Hampshire, and John Hurt with his wife Jo Dalton arriving for the Olivier Awards ceremony at the Palladium Theatre last night

Judging is a labour of love

BY OUR ARTS REPORTER

THIS year's Olivier judges spent about 250 hours watching 78 productions in West End theatres, and produced 74 nominations in a day.

The panel, comprising theatre professionals, media people and members of the public, had to see every new 1993 production, good and bad.

The actress Gillian Raine, Corrinne Rodriguez, a casting director, and Michael Gaunt, principal of the Guildford School of Acting, are immersed in the theatre world and represented the trade. Luke Rittner, former secretary-general of the Arts Council and now a director at Sotheby's, is an arts world all-rounder. The journalists Robert Low and Peter Fiddick and the television producer Trish Wilson were included as lay people.

The six members of the public had to be avid theatre-goers with an in-depth knowledge of the West End gained from the stalls. Each year the Society of London Theatre asks for applications from serious theatre-lovers — those who visit the theatre perhaps twice a week. The selection procedure is a rigorous one, requiring applicants to submit a written critique of a recently seen play and to attend an interview. The winners are rewarded with a year of free tickets and considerable power over London's actors, directors and playwrights.

This year they were Richard Johnson, a head teacher; Stephen Lennox, a charge nurse; Selina Marks, a trainee counsellor; Susan Kikolev, a housewife; Danny Forward, a cinema manager and Lucy Yeomans, a secretary.

The opera and dance panels were smaller, but no less committed. Two members of the public joined Sir David Lumsden, principal of the Royal Academy of Music, Michael Ratcliffe, literary editor of *The Observer*, and the writer Bryan Magee on the opera jury. A further two dance-loving members of the public debated with Prue Skene, chairman of the Arts Council's dance panel, Lady MacMillan, the widow of choreographer Kenneth MacMillan, and Stuart Hopps, a choreographer.

Renamed theatre honours Gielgud

BY CATHERINE MILTON

SIR John Gielgud, who celebrated his 90th birthday last week, is to have a London theatre named after him.

The announcement that the Globe Theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue is to bear his name was made at the Olivier awards ceremony, ending a wrangle about which West End theatre should be renamed in his honour.

Sir John, who has been involved in 16 productions at the Globe since 1928, will turn on the front-of-house lights in October when Sir Peter Hall's production of *Hamlet* opens there. The actor is said to be delighted. More than 400 people had campaigned in vain to rename the Apollo or Queen's theatres to mark his contribution to the profession.

The move, by Stoll Moss Theatres, is intended also as a tribute to the late Sam Wanamaker, the actor and director. His Globe Theatre will now have exclusive use of the name in London when it opens on the site of Shakespeare's original theatre on the South Bank.

Stoll Moss said the new name honoured "one of the greatest classical actors".

'I just can't win' says heir to throne

BY CATHERINE MILTON

THE Prince of Wales is frustrated by the constraints on him but realistic about the status and the future of the royal family in the entertainment age, he has disclosed.

On the one hand the Prince feels he cannot speak his mind on many important issues for fear of generating controversy. On the other, the royal family risks the accusation that it is stuffy and remote if it refuses to satisfy the appetite of the fourth estate.

"You just can't win — they get you either way," the Prince told Roy Hattersley in an interview in *The Mail on Sunday*.

Mr Hattersley, former deputy leader of the Labour Party, spoke to the Prince three weeks ago and was granted complete freedom to ask any question he wished. The Prince said of criticisms that the royal family had become part of the entertainment industry that the media "get you" whether or not you co-operate with them, although he admitted to a talent for maladroit remarks.

He also inveighed against the Scandinavian royal families' ways but refused to discuss his plans for the United Kingdom once he is King.

For his part, Mr Hattersley, who confesses to republican inclinations, congratulated himself on not asking about the Princess of Wales or Camilla Parker Bowles, the Prince's close friend, but expressed his own frustrations: "The Prince is continually on the brink of saying something important. But too often he steps back from the edge."

The Prince also lamented his inability to be controversial and railed against the need to skirt important issues. "The media helped to create the showbiz idea. They invented it, we didn't. We couldn't fulfil their expectations."

Reflecting on a temptation to appear on television such as the *Morecambe and Wise* show or *Wogan*, he said: "But I would have been bound to say something that was held against me for years."

The Prince believes that had the royal family refused completely to co-operate with the media it would have been called remote, stuffy and out of touch. "You just can't win ... They get you either way."

He dismissed the suggestion that the royal family should adopt the Scandinavian model of a people's monarchy, describing his Norse counterparts as "more pompous, more hard to approach than we are".

The Prince refused to discuss his own future as King which is, he said, "purely hypothetical" and distastefully contingent on his mother's death. He said he saw life differently from the Queen, who describes her job as a "sacred trust", although he feels "a sense of destiny".

He defended the role of the royal family in the modern world, emphasising the need for "somebody" to remain above party politics. He also spoke frankly of the difficulties of communicating the "mystical element of kingship" without "sounding cranky".

The *Sunday Mirror* reported yesterday that for the sake of posterity the Prince had recorded a 90-minute video about his troubled marriage for release after his death. Buckingham Palace, however, said it was "confused" by the report, based on an article in today's *Tatler* magazine.

A palace spokesman said that the reports might be referring to material recorded but not needed for the 90-minute documentary filmed to mark the 25th anniversary of his investiture as Prince of Wales. The paper reported that the Prince had accepted that his dented image would only be restored posthumously.

Peter Phillips injured in match

PETER Phillips, the Princess Royal's son, was stretchered off the pitch with a knee injury during a rugby seven-a-side tournament in the Scottish Borders at the weekend. He is expected to have his leg in plaster for the next few weeks.

The 16-year-old Gordonstoun schoolboy was playing prop for the Cades, a public school select team, in the opening round of the Gala Wanderers Sevens when he tackled an opponent from the host club midway through the first half. Colin Ruthven, of Melrose Rugby Club, said: "Peter Phillips is a very good player but something went badly wrong in the tackle and his knee just popped out. You could hear the smacking noise it made from where I was standing some distance away."

Maurice Minnaiken, president of Gala Rugby Club, said: "We did not have a doctor at the ground on Saturday because the surgeon who normally attends was working. There were plenty of first aiders and we had a couple of cars on standby in case anyone was slightly hurt and needed to be taken to hospital. But when we realised who was hurt we dialled 999 for an ambulance."

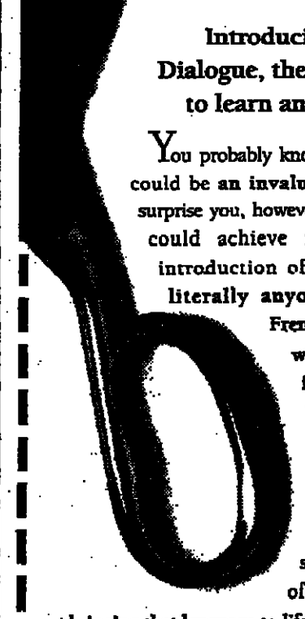
Peter, accompanied by a police officer, was taken to the Borders General Hospital three miles away. His damaged knee ligaments were treated by the duty consultant in the accident and emergency department. His left leg was plastered and he left shortly afterwards.

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NRA admits better water tests needed

BY EDWARD GORMAN

A chemical spill which fouled water supplies to 250,000 homes has shown that pollution monitoring is inadequate

THE National Rivers Authority admitted yesterday that its pollution monitoring equipment on the Severn may have to be upgraded in the wake of the chemical spill at the week end that affected nearly 250,000 homes.

The spill, which hit homes in the Worcester area and 100 miles of river, was not detected until members of the public started to telephone the local water company after noticing the foul smell and bitter taste of their drinking water.

The admission came as environmental groups called for strict new regulations governing the storage and use of industrial chemicals in drinking water catchment areas to help to prevent further potentially harmful spillages.

Severn Trent Water named the six chemicals involved in the spill that began on Friday when a pollution waste plant at Wem in Shropshire discharged them into a sewage plant, from where they flowed into a tributary of the Severn.

They are the industrial solvents 2-butoxy-ethanol, 2-methyl-propanol, pyruvic acid and 2,2-diethyl, 1,3-propane diol, and the organic feedstock chemicals ethyl acetate and 2-ethyl-4-methyl,1,3-dioxalene.

The company said it was confident that there was "no significant risk to public health" from the chemicals, most of which are listed in academic guides as "moderately toxic".

It compared the concentration of them in the Severn to that of an aspirin in an Olympic-sized swimming pool — no more than a few parts per billion. Members of the public had wrongly assumed the pollution was worse than it was, because of the smell and bitter taste of the water, a spokesman said.

The authority, which has the statutory duty to detect pollution in rivers, admitted that its monitoring equipment at several places on the river south of the spill was incapable of detecting it.

Bob Harvey, area environmental quality manager responsible for the Severn, said the equipment was designed to be triggered by events such as farm waste discharges or oil spillages and anything that could kill fish.

He said the pollutant in Friday's case was very difficult to trace because it was in such minute amounts and because of the relatively large distance between the first complaint by a member of the public in Worcester and the source of the pollution 86 miles away.

He agreed that the episode underlined the need for more sophisticated monitoring and indicated that would be investigated. "It's obviously something that's going to have to be considered," Mr Harvey said.

Andrew Lees, campaign director for Friends of the Earth, said there must be much tighter control on the storage, use and disposal of industrial chemicals in water catchment areas. Better pollution monitoring was needed with regulations requiring a comprehensive audit of all chemicals stored or used in a drinking-water catchment area.

There should also be a legal requirement on chemical users to immediately notify the rivers authority and local water suppliers after a spill, Mr Lees said.

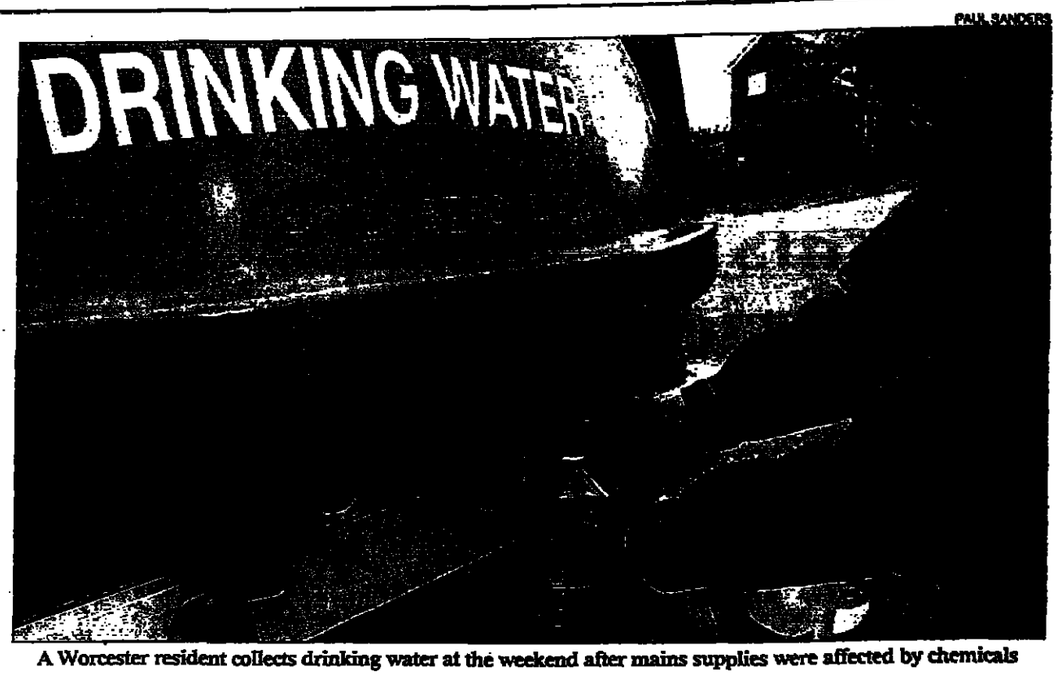
Severn Trent Water withdrew more than 200 bowsers from the Worcester area yesterday and said boiling restrictions had been lifted for its Worcester customers. Supplies should be largely back to normal by today. It said it would be holding its own enquiry into the incident to see what lessons could be learnt. It will also be holding discussions with the authority and the Drinking Water Inspectorate over the possibility of prosecuting the company responsible for the spill.

☐ The water industry watchdog Ofwat yesterday described as "alarmist and factually incorrect" a report that water companies secretly overcharged customers for almost £280 million worth of mains and sewer repairs they failed to carry out.

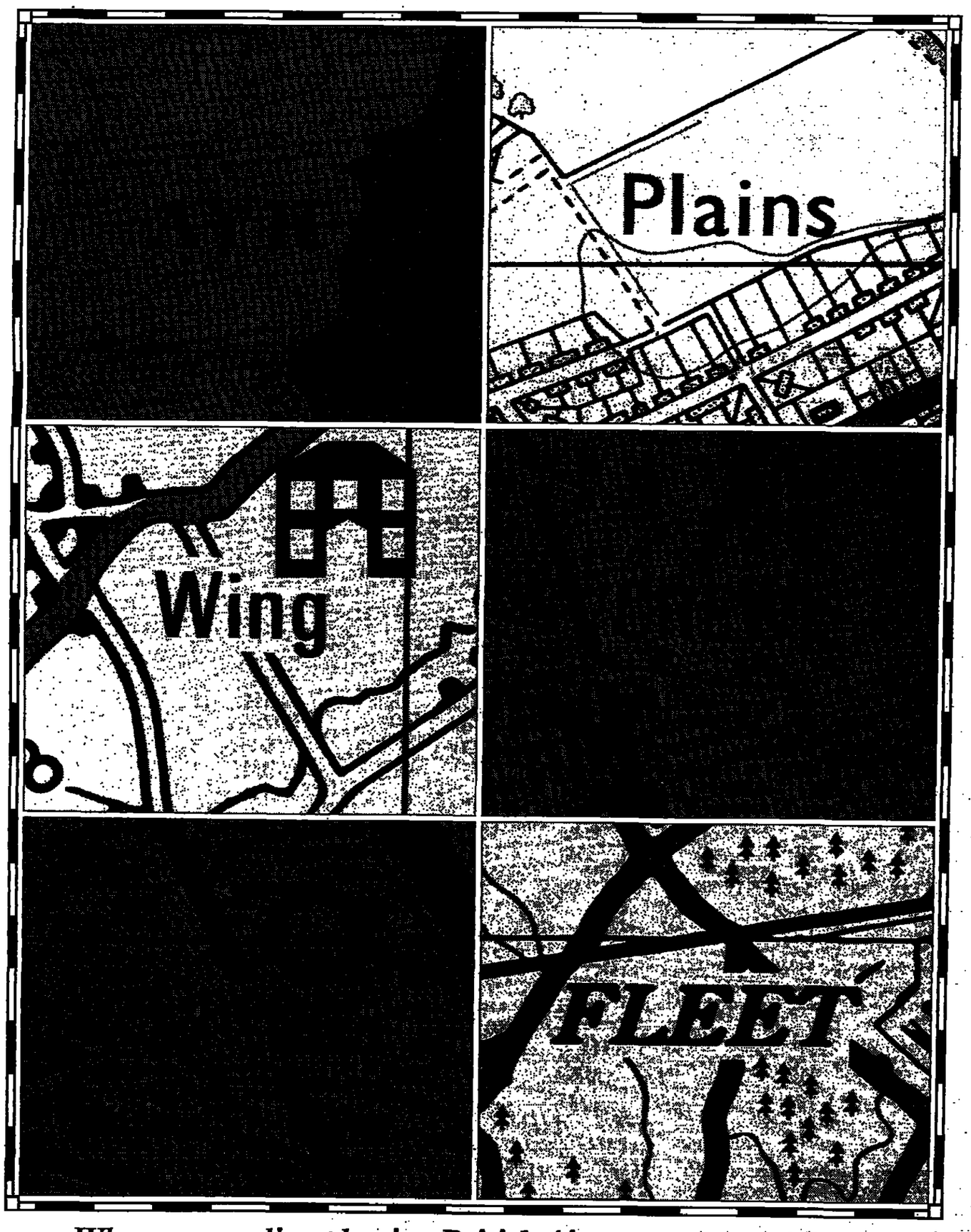
The Independent on Sunday reported that the Sewer Renovation Federation had discovered a £278.8 million "underspend" up to March 1993, accumulated since the ten regional water authorities were privatised in 1989.

An Ofwat spokeswoman said: "This concept of underspending is misleading. It is expected that less is spent in the first few years and then it gradually catches up within the period agreed."

PAUL SANDERS



A Worcester resident collects drinking water at the weekend after mains supplies were affected by chemicals



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Murdered man covered in paint

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE BODY of an elderly who was murdered in his home was found covered with white paint. Detectives could not say whether Ronald Cousins, 78, had been covered with paint as part of a ritual or in an attempt to hamper the murder investigation.

Mr Cousins had been strangled and stabbed in the throat.

Neighbours said Mr Cousins was a lonely man who always opened his door to strangers despite four previous burglaries, and that his kindness may have led to his downfall.

Mr Cousins was found in the living-room of his terraced house in Chelmsford, Essex. Cans of matt and vinyl emulsion belonging to the victim had been poured over him and splashes of paint were found in other parts of the house.

Last night a man aged 32 was helping police with their enquiries.

The paint hampered the work of scenes-of-crimes officers and a post-mortem examination by a Home Office forensic pathologist, who had to clean off the paint before Mr Cousins's identity could be confirmed.

Det Supt Graham Furnival, who is leading the enquiry, said: "The reason anyone would cover him with paint is a mystery. It is a terrible and somewhat bizarre murder. The killer or killers must have had their own clothing and skin splashed with white paint, too."

Police believe Mr Cousins, a regular churchgoer who was well-known in the area and took pride in being the street's oldest resident, may have died at the hands of someone he had invited into the two-bedroomed house where he had lived for 30 years.

Beside his body was a knife which was also covered in paint, although police could not immediately determine whether it was the murder weapon. The house had been ransacked but detectives were not certain whether anything had been stolen.

Mr Cousins, who was single, was last seen at 5.45pm on Friday walking home from the town centre. His body was found at 10.45am on Saturday by a neighbour who noticed that his curtains were drawn.

The neighbour, who did not want to be named, said: "The back door was unlocked. All the drawers were out and there was paint everywhere. My husband found him in the front-room. The curtains were still drawn, but you could see Ron lying there.

"He was so nice. Nothing stopped him being friendly, not even the burglaries. He trusted everyone. We think he probably let someone in and then they turned on him."

Another neighbour, John Power, 45, a teacher, said: "He was a very likeable but rather lonely old man who would talk to anyone. He enjoyed a chat and some company. That was probably his downfall."



Cousins: had been burgled four times

Video game addicts 'too tired in class'

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MOST children are too tired to concentrate at school because they play too many computer games, teachers said yesterday.

Almost half the primary children who took part in a survey were said to act out violent fantasies inspired by the games and a third of secondary pupils were addicted. The Professional Association of Teachers found that three quarters of secondary pupils and two thirds of primary pupils had easy access to violent or sexually explicit videos.

The findings come in the wake of public and parliamentary concern that forced Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, last week to pledge tighter laws to stop pornographic and violent films being viewed by young children.

Questionnaires were sent to the association's 35,000 members, of which 1,000 were returned and 800 analysed. Three quarters of the teachers saw a change in children's behaviour after playing computer games. More than half of pupils were sometimes too exhausted to pay attention in class and a quarter suffered academically.

Primary pupils, particularly boys, were most likely to be become more aggressive. Many became difficult to supervise at break-time as they enacted the fighting styles of some game heroes.

One primary teacher said that children were confused, upset or traumatised by the games. Another teacher said: "Many children find it very difficult to concentrate on personal tasks within the classroom and to listen. They 'get on to' one another constantly and hurt each other at playtime with high kicks."

The survey found that nine out of ten teachers believe that children's emotional, social and moral development is being damaged, sometimes irrevocably, by unsuitable videos. A sixth of secondary teachers said pornographic and violent videos were circulating among pupils at their school.

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Women ordained at St Paul's amid last-ditch protests

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 70 women were ordained at St Paul's Cathedral at the weekend despite a last-minute court hearing on Saturday at which the Rev Paul Williamson prayed and wept as he attempted to prevent the ordinations.

The London services by the Bishops of Southwark and Willesden saw the most dramatic interventions since the vote to ordain women priests at the General Synod in 1992.

Mr Williamson stood up at both and condemned the ordinations as apostasy and heresy, but other priests in the congregation shouted and waved service sheets at him in anger.

London was the third diocese to ordain women *en masse*, after Bristol and Sheffield, but the ordinations were seen as the most significant because London is the most divided of the 43 dioceses in England.

The Bishop of London, Dr David Hope, a traditionalist who remains unconvinced about the ordination of women, surprised opponents by attending the two services, on Saturday and yesterday afternoon.

His decision was welcomed by supporters of women priests, but he took no active part and people close to him



Williamson: spoke out at both services

during the first ordination service described him as looking "uneasy".

The Dean of St Paul's, the Very Rev Eric Evans, did not attend the service on Saturday because of family commitments but sat in his stall in the cathedral yesterday. He, too, took no active part but prayed throughout "that God will overshadow all that is being done at St Paul's on these days".

At both services Dr Hope sat in the choir and meditated on spiritual writings of the early Church fathers as Mr Williamson, wearing a white surplice over a black cassock, quoted those same fathers to the packed cathedral.

Mr Williamson said the services were an impediment and an apostasy. "The early fathers . . . stated clearly that only an heretical sect had women priests."

Less than three hours before the service on Saturday, Mr Williamson, who has mounted a series of legal challenges to the ordination of women, applied to the High Court for an injunction to prevent the ceremonies going ahead. The application was turned down by Mrs Justice Arden.

A spokesman for Dr Hope said he had felt it right to be present "as a symbol of his ongoing and keenly felt pastoral care and concern for all within a divided diocese".

Opponents of women priests, however, said that his attendance at one of the most significant events in the cathedral since the Reformation made further defections to the Roman Catholic Church inevitable.

The Rev Geoffrey Kirk, of St Stephen's, Lewisham, said: "He would have been wise to stay away bearing in mind that at no level, at any stage in his diocese was there a 50 per cent majority.

"His presence in St Paul's was a way of saying that the matter is over and done with, and that the ordination of women has to be accepted by everyone, everywhere."

Nearly 70 other women were ordained at the weekend in the Oxford diocese.

STEFAN ROUSSEAU



Donald Arden, the Assistant Bishop in Willesden, congratulates a woman priest

Country parishes 'in danger of fading out'

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE rural English parish church is in danger of disappearing like hay-ricks and maypoles, a leading Church academic has warned. "There is a parson-shaped hole in the centre of every parish," says the Rev Andrew Bowden, a member of the Archbishop's commission on rural areas, in a book published this week.

In village after village, residents are crying out for a vicar of their own, he says. Some parishes are refusing to pay their "quotas", the sums requested by each diocese to help pay clergy stipends.

He quotes one complainant as saying: "They at the diocesan office confiscated our glebe, sold our parsonage and removed 'our' parson. In the 1980s, having stripped us of our assets, they increased the quota tenfold and now expect us to pay the new parson, who lives ten miles away, for the petrol he uses to visit us. In one generation not only do the goalposts seem to have been moved, the game itself has been transferred to another pitch."

Mr Bowden says that with the number of stipendiary clergy declining at the rate of 100 a year, a new model of local team ministries is needed.

☐ *Ministry in the Countryside*, Andrew Bowden (Mowbray, £12.99).

Would-be barristers given voice training

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A THEATRE director has been brought in by the Bar's law school to advise students who need help with presenting cases in court.

Kenneth Ives, 57, whose acting and directing career in theatre and television spans more than 20 years, will offer tuition to the 800 students on the course. He is doubly qualified. Two years ago he decided to train for the Bar and is now a barrister with the Middle Temple.

The Bar's new vocational course, with a greater emphasis on practical advocacy training, has been criticised over the high failure rate of ethnic minority students. Last week the report of an enquiry under Dame Jocelyn Barrow cleared the school of direct or indirect disrimination as defined by the Race Relations Act.

But it confirmed strikingly high failure rates among ethnic minority students, linked in part to whether they had secured pupillages in chambers. The enquiry found that chambers were "substantially less likely" to offer pupillages to non-white students. The course failure rates were much higher among those who had not secured a place.

Ethnic minority students suffered a "collapse of confidence" during the one-year course, said the report, and some felt alienated by the Oxbridge-style Inns of Court. The appointment of Mr Ives, comes about after he informally helped some students on the course last year on a pilot project.

"One of the girls I helped had a very strong accent, so from the word go she would be at a disadvantage," he said. "I tried to give her confidence just to stand up — in a tutorial of 10 or 11 students, some students find that very hard. She was thrilled to have the chance to be on her own."

"It's not just a question of a voice coach coming in. I was able to advise her how to apply vocal skills in a legal context — how she should talk in court to a judge or jury and sell herself."



Kenneth Ives: theatre career spans 20 years

Tunnel gendarmes may carry pistols

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR British and French police officers meet in Paris today to decide whether French police will carry their regulation guns on trains travelling from the Channel tunnel to Waterloo station.

Agreement has already been reached allowing French police and Customs to be armed when they make the final checks at the Folkestone side of the tunnel before allowing British motorists to board shuttle trains taking them to Calais.

Although their British counterparts will have swift access to weapons in an emergency, the French police consider the permanent wearing of revolvers to be part of their culture. One option is for French policemen travelling on the through trains to lock their guns away once they enter British territory.

The meeting today comes after a warning that the tunnel will be most vulnerable to terrorist attack during its first few months of operation from the IRA and other groups seeking concessions. After that, security chiefs have been told, the most serious threats will be from organised crime, drug smugglers and illegal immigrant racketeers.

In a study for the Research Institute for the Study of Conflict and Terrorism, Dr Richard Clutterbuck says: "The likeliest purposes of terrorists will be to attract publicity; to create an impression of irresistible power in their own minds or those of the public."

The IRA was more likely to seek its ends by disrupting services than by inflicting carnage, he says. "Religious fundamentalists, especially Islamic, are more likely to inflict mass slaughter deliberately."

Dr Clutterbuck says, however, the tunnel will not be an easy or attractive target for terrorists and danger to travellers should be minimal.

Fliers to get better cabin air

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

AIR safety authorities are preparing to set minimum standards of air quality in all new aircraft amid growing complaints from passengers claiming to have been made ill because of inadequate air circulation in the cabin.

International aviation medical groups are to meet next month to discuss two reports into allegations that airlines are using less fresh air to save money. Leading plane-makers such as Airbus and Boeing are also conducting their own research into cabin air quality.

Medical experts are convinced that the chances of catching a disease during a flight are remote and that the colds and coughs of which many passengers complain at the end of a flight were caught before take off or from sitting beside an infected passenger.

Aircraft cabin air is, they say, cleaner than in any office, home or other form of transport. It is brought from outside at heights of up to 40,000ft. "You don't find many bugs at that height and temperature," one doctor said.

It then passes through the jet engines, where it is super heated, and a mixing chamber where it is cooled and filtered before being pumped, at pressure, into the cabin.

However, the sophistication of the system for purifying the air has led to a cut in the amount of "fresh" air introduced into the aircraft. Aircraft built before the mid-1980s took all their cabin air direct from outside and it was changed every three minutes.

Newer jets use half recycled and half fresh air and it is changed every six minutes, saving £40,000 per aircraft each year.

Prince signs TV deal at Cannes

BY A STAFF REPORTER

PRINCE Edward has signed his first international television deal. It will give his Ardent TV company money to produce pilot programmes for a documentary series and a drama series for Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

The potential entry into worldwide television was announced yesterday at MIP, the international television market in Cannes, and is thought to be worth initially up to £100,000 in development money.

The contract is with Bruce Gyngell, the former head of ITV's breakfast show company TV-am, who is now in charge of Nine Network Australia.

The Duchess of York was arriving at the MIP market today for talks with TV distributors aimed at selling her *Budgie the Helicopter* animation series.

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Browser pays £70 for £30,000 masterpiece

By John Shaw

■ A wall hanging sold as a job lot with old theatrical costumes has been identified as a rare example of 17th-century craftsmanship

AN OLD rug bought for £70 in a Croydon junk shop has been identified by Sotheby's as a rare 17th-century Mughal floor spread designed for royal use and valued at about £30,000.

Geoffrey Chessum, 54, was looking for a textile hanging to cover a bare patch on the wall at his home in Purley, Surrey, when he spotted something "very beautiful" on the shop wall.

The floor spread, lavishly decorated with flowers and foliage on a silvery background, had belonged to a local amateur dramatic company which had sent it for sale along with a job lot of Victorian costumes.

Jackie Bing, carpet specialist at Sotheby's, where the spread is to be auctioned on April 27, said: "It's the sort of thing servants would pile cushions on for somebody very regal to sit down on." Definitely not made for walking on, the 7ft 11in by 5ft 5in rug was probably trodden on repeatedly during thousands of amateur performances in Surrey. Mr Chessum, who works for a London diamond company, said: "It was lovely, decorated with tulips, roses and irises. The shop wanted £80. I didn't have the right amount with me at the time and went back later with some cash from the dispenser. I pressed the wrong button and got £70 instead of £80, but they let me have it for £70."

Intrigued, he tried to find out more about the spread's origins but was unsuccessful and decided to take it into Sotheby's.

"When I arrived I felt a bit overawed. It was beautiful to me but I thought they might dismiss it as nothing. Anyway, people came down to have a look and asked me to roll it out on the floor.

"Nobody said a word. It seemed as though ages went by before Jackie Bing said finally, 'Do you know what you've got here? It's exceptionally rare. It's a Mughal piece'. Then they all got down on their hands and knees and began to examine it in incredible detail.

"After feeling a bit nervous beforehand it felt wonderful that I'd actually found something really valuable. It was a great moment."

Ms Bing said the design represented a synthesis of the different styles and influences then prevailing in Mughal art. She believes it was designed by a court artist for royal use.

She said: "It's unique and in good condition and really museum quality. When he rolled it out it was the most exciting thing we've seen here in a long time."

☐ Indian paintings from the late 16th century to the mid-19th century owned by the British Rail Pension Fund are being sold in the same week. They were acquired during the fund's controversial period of art investment during the 1970s and are expected to fetch about £600,000.

ROBIN MAYES



Geoffrey Chessum and Jackie Bing, Sotheby's carpet expert, examine the junk shop masterpiece which they believe is worth £30,000

Mandarins 'blocking D-Day museum'

By John Young

PLANS to open a D-Day Museum at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire, the wartime military intelligence and code breaking centre, have been frustrated by government bureaucracy, it was claimed yesterday.

The Bletchley Park Trust, which hopes to restore several of the buildings as a museum "campus", said that despite assurances of support from John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, Property Holdings (formerly the Property Services Agency), for which Mr Gummer's department is responsible, had refused its planning application.

Ted Enever, of the trust, said: "I have a recent letter from Mr Gummer in which he states: 'I should reaffirm my support for the establishment of a museum campus at Bletchley Park.'

"His predecessor, Michael Howard, was a keen supporter of our plans and promised that his officers would co-operate. British Telecom, joint owners of the site are also in favour, as is the borough council, but bureaucrats appear to be seeking to scupper our plans," Mr Enever said.

The trust was formed two years ago after the disclosure of plans to demolish the buildings on the 57-acre site for a housing development. With local support, it persuaded the department and BT that they should be restored as a permanent memorial to the achievements of those who worked at Bletchley Park.

The Environment Department said yesterday that Property Holdings had consistently offered constructive advice and assistance to the trust. "It is extremely disappointing that this advice should be viewed as anything but helpful," a spokesman added.

Bodleian accused of acting as censor

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

THREE key figures in the British literary establishment — Sir Kingsley Amis, his official biographer, and the Bodleian Library in Oxford — are at the centre of a row over letters once owned by Philip Larkin.

The Bodleian, one of Britain's greatest academic institutions, stands accused of censorship, refusing to let the biographer, Eric Jacobs, see 500 letters written by Sir Kingsley to Larkin.

Librarian David Vaisey says the Bodleian's duty lies with the people mentioned in the letters, who may be offended by their contents.

He has written to Mr Jacobs pointing out that those concerned "are not protected by copyright legislation and ... had no say in the letters being in the library, let alone in the public domain".

However, Sir Kingsley has no objection to the letters being seen. And, in a letter to the *Times Literary Supplement*, Mr Jacobs claims that the library has invented a rule of its own. Its main point of contention, he says, is that Sir Kingsley is still alive.

He writes: "What [it] boils down to is that anyone may read Barbara Pym's letters to Larkin because she is dead but nobody may read Sir Kingsley's because he is still alive. The fact of a letter-writer being dead is supposed of itself to protect third parties from hurt. But of course, it does nothing of the kind. Larkin's own letters have been published; some are hurtful to Sir Kingsley and no doubt to others: the fact that Larkin is dead makes them not one whit less so."

The library will not say why the letters are so offensive and refuses to comment on the row at all.



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Keene on Chess

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Reader's game

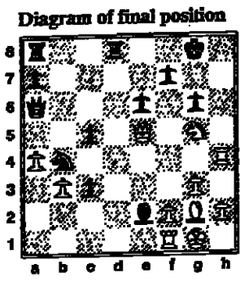
THE following game was played in one of the strongest weekend tournaments in the annual calendar. White exploits the absence of the Black queen from the kingside to launch a ferocious and ultimately winning attack.

White: Mashayekh
Black: Donovan
Islington Open 1993

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	b6
4	g3	Ba6
5	b3	Bb4+
6	Bd2	Be7
7	Bg2	c6
8	Qc2	d5
9	Ne5	Nfd7
10	Nxd7	Qxd7
11	Be3	Bf6
12	Nd2	c5
13	Nf3	Nc6
14	Rd1	Nb4
15	Qb1	dxc4
16	dxc5	Qb5
17	a4	Qa5
18	0-0	c3
19	Qe4	0-0
20	Bd4	Bxd4
21	Rxd4	bxc5
22	Ng5	g6
23	Qe5	Bxa2
24	Rh4	Qa6
25	Ndf7	Rfd8
26	Nf6+	Kf8
27	Nh7+	Kg8
28	Ng5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Games welcomed

Readers' games are welcomed for possible publication in this column. Please send your efforts to Raymond Keene, c/o Championship Chess, *The Times*, 1 Pennington St, London E1 9XN. Games should be typed and in the standard algebraic notation as used by *The Times*.

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Campaigners seek new law to protect unsuspecting buyers from stolen, crashed or rented vehicles

Death warrant plan to beat the cheats

BY TONY DAWE

A NEW register for cars, based on their chassis identification numbers, and a "death certificate" for written-off vehicles are among proposals to protect motorists from booming fraud in the used car market.

Motoring organisations, finance houses and politicians are demanding tougher controls to prevent unsuspecting motorists from buying cars that are stolen, written off by insurance companies or subject to hire purchase or leasing deals.

Stung by a survey that pinpointed 7,500 cases of fraud costing £45 million last year, the Finance and Leasing Association is drafting a Private Member's Bill in conjunction with Michael Stephen, MP for Shoreham, to introduce the new register.

It believes that using the identification number stamped on the chassis to register a vehicle would be more reliable than the present system of using the number-plate, which can be changed easily.

Members of the association would register details, including colour and model, of cars subject to finance and lease deals. The Bill also calls for owners to report stolen vehicles and for insurers to report ones which have been written off.

Any motorist buying from a dealer would be protected under the new law but it would be the responsibility of a private purchaser to check with the register.

Mr Stephen said: "My approach is to establish a more comprehensive register so that it will be less likely that people will be caught out by tricksters in future. This is something the Government should take up as a matter of urgency because millions of pounds are being lost to fraudsters."

The association believes the register could be run by HPI, the private company that specialises in tracing the history of used cars for dealers and private buyers. The company was praised last week for its "front-line role in the battle against autocrime" by Robert Key, the roads Minister.

He added: "With more than 400,000 vehicles being written off every year, the Government is obviously concerned that consumers are not being sufficiently protected against purchasing potentially dangerous vehicles."

Lord Brabazon of Tara has proposed a simple plan to end this scandal. He suggests that the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency should de-register a car on being told by police and insurers that it is a total loss. The vehicle would, in effect, be given a "death certificate".

Lord Brabazon said that if the vehicle were repaired, it would be re-registered only after being inspected at the owner's expense and pronounced roadworthy.



Cora and Michael Tetlow paid £2,150 for their car, in a case highlighted by campaigners

Nice runner that was a write-off

BY TONY DAWE

CORA Tetlow, a childminder, spent £2,150 on a smart second-hand Volkswagen Passat only to discover that it had previously been written-off in a head-on crash and was a danger to drive.

Mrs Tetlow's case is being highlighted by campaigners who want a clampdown on the growing problem of written-off cars being returned to the road, often in a dangerous condition.

Trading standards officers are joining motoring organisations and politicians in calling for tougher laws to protect buyers.

Days after acquiring the estate car, Mrs Tetlow was told to "throw away the keys" by a police engineer who inspected it. Since then, it has sat outside the house in Farnborough, Hampshire, where she lives with her husband and two young daughters. "I had wanted a safe, reliable car with enough room to carry plenty of small children," Mrs Tetlow said. "I was appalled to find it was dangerous to drive, and only hope others can learn from our mistakes." *The Times* disclosed last month that one in four of the cars being offered privately for sale that were checked by HPI, a vehicle tracking agency, had been written off by insurers.

> "I had wanted a safe car to carry children — I was appalled to find that it was dangerous"

Mrs Tetlow was luckier than many victims because the man who had sold her the car, Paul Xavier of Whyteleafe, Surrey, had given his correct name and address and the county's trading standards officers were able to pursue him through the courts.

He was fined £1,500 and ordered to pay Mrs Tetlow £2,500 compensation, but disappeared after the order was made and is now being sought by police and court bailiffs.

With the help of Surrey trading standards officers, she has been able to trace what happened to the car she had been so pleased to buy.

It had been purchased new in 1986 by a man from south London, who drove it for six years until frustration got the better of him in one of the many traffic jams that regularly block Wandsworth.

He did a U-turn to escape the congestion but failed to see a heavy lorry, which hit the Passat almost head-on. The owner was not seriously injured but the car was wrecked. Eagle Star, the insurer, decided quickly that the car was too badly damaged to repair and wrote it off with 85,000 miles on the clock.

It was taken to a scrapyard but within six months was being advertised for sale, with 68,000 miles on the odometer, in a Hampshire newspaper. The Passat was just what Mrs Tetlow and her husband Michael had been seeking as it was large enough to carry several children and to tow the family's caravan.

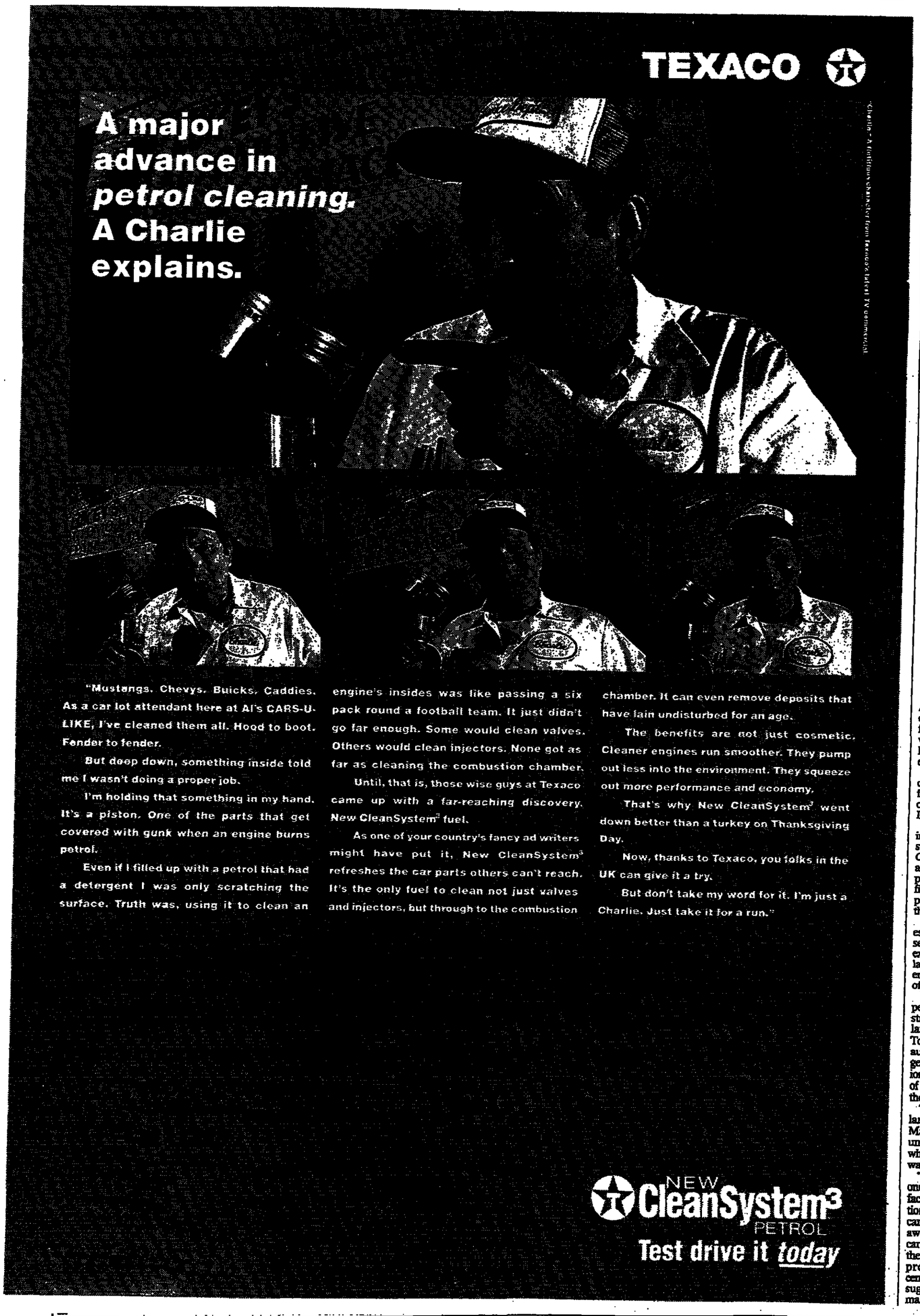
They bought it after meeting Xavier at Guildford station, Surrey, and taking a brief test drive. "He was most courteous, well-spoken, well-dressed in a navy blue suit, and seemed perfectly genuine," Mrs Tetlow said. Her husband noticed that the car had a new wing and was told it had been hit by a lorry but not that it was a write-off. On a family drive the next evening, however, the Tetlows were concerned by a knocking noise in the engine and by the wind whistling through the driver's door. They took the Passat to car repairers who pointed to a small kink in the roof as proof that it had been in a major front-end collision. The chassis was bent and the car was shorter on one side than the other.

Angry telephone calls to Xavier failed to persuade him to take the car back and refund their money so the Tetlows took up the case with trading standards officers.

Peter Denard, Surrey's chief officer, said: "This was a classic case of a fraud which is becoming all too prevalent and deserves stiffer penalties."

He had two main pieces of advice for prospective buyers: "Get the car tested by an engineer. It may cost £100 but that should be money well spent as the experts will spot potential faults.

"Second, if the person you are talking to is not named as the owner on the car registration document, you may be dealing with a trader who is masquerading as a private seller for some suspicious reason. In that case, phone the person named as owner — and even the previous one as well — to find out about the car and the mileage it has done."



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75% of child car safety seats 'fitted incorrectly'

BY ROBIN YOUNG

AS MANY as three-quarters of child car safety seats are fitted incorrectly. Even when well fitted, in most cases the harness is not properly adjusted, experts say.

"The findings all show a continuing problem of badly fitted child seats," Derek Prior, of the British Standards Institution, said.

Nine out of 10 car owners install child restraints themselves, according to a report in *Complete Car*. Between half and two-thirds do not do it properly. Even small errors in fitting can greatly reduce the protection a safety seat offers, the magazine says.

Some fitting instructions, especially for non-British seats, are faulted for failing to explain clearly how the installation should be done, and not emphasising the importance of doing it correctly.

"More than anything, people complain that the instructions do not appear to relate to their particular car," Tony Lewin, the report's author, said. "Fixing problems generally arise when instructions are unclear or the shape of the restraint does not match the contours of the back seats.

"Two-way seats are particularly prone to bad fitting. Many people forget or are unable to put the seat upright when switching it to its forward-facing position.

"Surely it would not be too onerous for child seat manufacturers to provide instructions specific to each type of car? The industry is already aware which are the problem cars, and the best solutions for them." Mr Lewin said that a professional child-safety centre or service centre could suggest restraints to suit any make of car.

Machete attack on shoppers

Seven people were hurt when a gang of 15 youths ran through a shopping centre, lashing out with machetes, staves and baseball bats. Some of the victims suffered severe head wounds.

Security guards and police arrested 13 Asian youths, one as young as 15, at the Saddlers centre in Walsall, West Midlands, on Saturday.

An ambulanceman said it was believed the gang had been seeking revenge for an assault on one of their members by skinheads, but when they did not find any attacked indiscriminately.

Armed siege

Armed police surrounded a house at Margate, Kent, for three hours after a man brandished a gun during a quarrel with two others. When he surrendered officers discovered an arsenal of weapons including two machetes and two pistols.

Store rape

A 26-year-old woman was raped by two men at a supermarket loading bay at Scarborough, North Yorkshire, as she walked home in the early hours.

Raid death

A former printer, Brian Dunning, 53, found beaten to death in the bedroom of the Leeds terrace house where he lived alone, is believed to have been the victim of a burglar.

Pipe dream

A Cambridge University music student, Andrew Reid, 21, of Kent, today begins his aim to become the first person to play all Bach's 290 organ works in 25 hours.

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Nazi-hunter protests at transfer of Holocaust records



Wiesenthal: "vital facts may go into the ice box"

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

SIMON Wiesenthal, the leading Nazi-hunter, has joined American Holocaust scholars in protesting against the transfer of the Berlin Documentation Centre from American to German control.

The heavily guarded centre, housed in Hermann Goering's surveillance bunker, contains nearly 90 million pages of Nazi and SS records and is regarded as a basic source of information for war crimes investigators and historians.

Herr Wiesenthal, who runs his own Vienna-based documentation centre on war criminals, believes that the transfer of the documents to the German Federal Archives will end by restricting access. "I think the main problems could occur when researching into people who are still alive," he said. The Germans are bound by strict privacy rules, legislated in the so-called data protection law. Implementing that law could impede researchers, he said. "A biographer looking into a controversial living person could well stumble into problems — important information could, so to speak, be put into the ice box." Other Holocaust historians agree. Elie Wiesel, the Nobel peace laureate, was recently quoted as saying: "All available information must not be curtailed or hidden in any way. That is why the documents should have remained in the hands of the Americans."

The object of concern and fascination resembles a fortress more than a historical archive. In a quiet avenue in the leafy Berlin suburb of Zehlendorf, the building does not give any indication of its political sensitivity. The bunker underneath the house used to be Goering's chief listening post, where dozens of air force clerks tapped into the telephone conversations of his rivals. Nowadays security guards are on 24-hour alert, infra-red sensors track movement within the old bunker and electronic key passes allow researchers to pass from one room to another.

The accountant's mentality of the Nazi bureaucracy ensured that a full biographical record was kept of the ten million members of the Nazi Party. This booty fell into the hands of the Americans after the war. They soon discovered that the archives included not only Nazi files but also details on almost every member of the SS and wads of documents from the supreme party court — a treasure trove of personal, and often compromising, information about party workers. It was a vast compendium of denunciations, gossip and human weaknesses; the most original source of information about the mechanics of tyranny available in the West. The Americans, having captured the collection, hung on to it and used the information with effect in the Nuremberg trials and the postwar denazification of Germany. Bonn and Washington agreed in 1975 to shift control to Germany. Yet the Germans were unsure, worried that leaked Nazi information could be used against active politicians.

The Americans, too, began to have second thoughts. But German unification made the transfer inevitable. It was agreed to microfilm every document and deposit it with the American National Archive. The originals would be supervised by the federal archive office in Koblenz. The fears of the American historians and Nazi-hunters may thus be largely misplaced. The original documents will eventually crumble any way and the microfilmed copies will be freely available for study in America.

Underpinning this debate is an argument about memory, the collective memory of the new united Germany and the memory of its former victims. There is suspicion among Holocaust survivors that the Germans will in some way try to rewrite their history and minimise their wartime crimes. The data protection laws are indeed strict, but the present generation of Koblenz archivists adheres to the spirit of another piece of legislation, the 1988 federal archive law which specifically guarantees access to personal information if it serves the public interest.

Dr Wilhelm Lenz, of the Federal Archives international department, said: "Intimate and sexual details, and items of medical information, are protected, even for former SS members." Herr Lenz emphasises that the transfer, which is supposed to be complete by this summer, will not mean any fundamental change in policy: serious Nazi-hunters will still be able to dig deep. "Herr Wiesenthal does not have to worry," he said.

Herr Wiesenthal, who has been chasing Nazis for more than four decades, is not entirely reassured. "There should be some guidelines for the future. The Americans should ensure that the same level of access is granted when the German archivists take over."

German identity stretched on rack of history

The manipulation of history for political ends has left Germans wondering if they are Second World War victims or Cold War victors, ***Roger Boyes*** *writes*

Adolf Hitler would have been 105 years old this week. No doubt neo-Nazi skinheads will find a way to mark the Führer's birthday undeterred, perhaps even encouraged, by the cancellation of the Anglo-German football match on April 20.

But a more typical response was conveyed by a cartoon published in the *Wochenpost* newspaper. A car with a loudspeaker prowls the streets and blares out: "This is to remind you that there is nothing to remember on April 20th, this is to remind you . . ."

This is Germany, three years after reunification. It commutes between amnesia and total recall, unsure whether to regard itself as a victor or a victim. When Germans search their souls they do so with a thoroughness of police searching a suspect apartment. Yet they have been unable to come up with a correct balance between memory, power and national identity. As a result, Germany is lurching into one of its protracted periods of self-doubt, an unsettling experience for its neighbours and allies.

The writing and interpretation of history played a critical role in the shaping of the modern West German state. There was shock when the contemporary historian Ernst Nolte started to argue against the "demonisation of the Third Reich" and sought to explain away the extermination of the Jews as a "reaction born out of the anxiety of the annihilating occurrences of the Russian Revolution". The row triggered by Professor Nolte in the 1980s, however, was a rarified one. The present turmoil is altogether different. History is being redrafted at a multitude of levels and is having an almost immediate impact on daily politics.

The eagerness of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, to be invited to the D-Day celebrations in June is a prime example of today's confusion. The jostling was not an expression of vanity, and was only partly determined by election year tactics. Rather, Herr Kohl views the new united Germany as one of the winners of the Cold War and sees the stability of the Franco-German partnership as one of the contributing elements in the Western victory over communism.

When the French did not invite the Germans to the Normandy beach-heads, the Chancellor was offended.

The opposition Social Democrats, meanwhile, argued that Herr Kohl has been missing the point: the German military defeat set in train by "D-Day" should be openly acknowledged, since it was a necessary component in the eventual "liberation" of the Germans from the Hitler dictatorship. Ordinary Germans are naturally bewildered by this manipulation of history: "Are we Cold War victors, or Second World War victims, or a bit of both?"

Every day, some new retooling of history jars with or offends Germany's friends. The commander of the Bundeswehr suggests, for example, that German war graves should carry the rank and regiment of the fallen soldiers as is customary in other countries. But critics say this could also represent the first step towards making respectable the Waffen SS.

Auschwitz remains, of course, a barely digestible lump for the Germans. Rallies organised by extreme-right groupings continue to question the veracity of the Holocaust; Jews were killed, say the neo-Nazi demagogues and their few supporters among historians, but not systematically. The Constitutional Court has even given the Republican leader, the former Waffen SS member Franz Schönhuber, some room for manoeuvre by ruling that denying the existence of Auschwitz cannot be classified as the serious criminal offence of "incitement to racial hatred". Slowly, belief in Auschwitz and the concentration camps is being chipped away by the far right.

"The country offers up a pathetic picture" comments *Der Spiegel*. "Fifty years after the end of the Nazi regime, the Germans have still not come to a decisive position on their past." The opening up of German historical sores was partly the result of the fusion of the two German states. It also represents the gradual westward shift of the 1989-90 revolutions in Eastern Europe.

The revolutions in the East and the collapse of communism as a ruling system has probably hit Italy hardest; the political class that had ruled for 50 years has been deposed and questions are now surfacing about the merits and demerits of Fascism and *Il Duce*. But Germany comes a close second. Since the war Germany has adhered to a version of history that placed it in the European mainstream.

Hitler was an irrational beast, this version goes, but also a product of his time; the Holocaust was a unique tragedy, never to be repeated; Germany was to rediscover the democratic culture hinted at by the Frankfurt parliament in 1848; good Germans, heroes of the resistance, would be projected as moral paradigms for the young; the German army would be converted into a civilian-run force; and an independent central bank would guard against Weimar-style inflation.

The modern West German state was a response to the recent past. To tailor the appropriate history, some traditions had to be repressed, some inconvenient factors or interpretations painted over.

The East German state took an even more obviously manipulative approach to history. The rebirth of history in Eastern Europe and unification with East Germany (and its poisoned history) has started to melt Germany's frozen, 50-year-old version of events. And it has prompted some fundamental questions. Germans are now asking: "Do we belong together? Were we ever really unified? What is a German? Is a United Germany doomed to be aggressive or expansionist?"

The history of united Germany is short and brutal and lasted barely 80 years, if the relevant period is counted as 1867 to 1945, and 1990 to the present. Two features of united German history are immediately obvious. First, the country underwent enormous social, economic and political changes in the period and was a volatile, often unstable, country for much of its life.

Second, war has played a preternaturally large role in the shaping of the state, given impetus by three wars, and ending in two global wars. The history of united Germany is also a history of modern warfare. Yet projecting these qualities on to the present day has brought the Germans no closer to understanding themselves. Most Germans, asked if they consider themselves a warlike race, would regard the questioner as unhinged. The 50-year absence of open war cancels out in their minds the record of the previous 80 years.

These Germans are almost certainly right. There is nothing inherently expansionist or aggressive about a united Germany. The current focus on digesting the Nazi past, though essential, has blurred the picture of Bismarck and the early days of his Reich. Bismarck was more concerned with creating a Greater Prussia than with a Greater Germany.

In 1871 he called Germany a "saturated" state, Prussia having expanded beyond its natural borders into southern Germany. United Germany became an expansionist power only after the departure of its founder, Bismarck. Germans have been engaged in many conflicts — the Thirty Years War, the Seven Years War — during their 1,000-year history. But these could be viewed as essentially internal wars. The concept of foreign expansionist wars, it can be argued, is a 20th-century aberration for Germany.

Such facts can be rediscovered by the Germans themselves as they burrow for the roots of their identity. And Germany's neighbours should allow it to revive traditions — even military ones — without feeling threatened. Germany is moving towards a new assertiveness in foreign policy after 50 years of pacificity. But that does not signify a return to arms or the old bullying manners.

Once it has found a comfortable role for itself, the disturbing noisy elements on the far right will start to wither away; the thugs with baseball bats and shaven heads are a symptom of transition rather than a reliable indicator of Germany's future.

Even so, Germany's friends have a duty to ensure that the search for a "normal" position in Europe and the world does not translate into the politics of forgetting.



Young neo-Nazi thugs are probably a symptom of transition rather than a reliable indicator of Germany's future and may soon wither away

Touvier trial submerged in technicalities and trivia

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE trial of Paul Touvier, the Nazi collaborator, was billed as France's rendezvous with its conscience, but the verdict, expected on Wednesday, is unlikely to alter the feeling that history was a pale witness at the Versailles assize court.

Frustration has been the dominant impression from the four-week session as the broad canvas of France's wartime behaviour has been submerged by technical dispute and the tale of M Touvier, 79. The former officer in the Lyons *milice*, the pro-Nazi security force, has appeared as an unrepentant old man who still uses words such as "rubbish" to refer to Jews and who admires Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of France's far-right National Front. M Touvier has shrugged off his wartime conduct as a matter of doing one's duty in ugly times, saying he had to obey orders.

As the first trial of a Frenchman for crimes against humanity, the event was to have been a belated judicial review of the collaborationist state that sent thousands of Jews to their deaths. Historians came to sketch the dark nature of the Vichy regime, now widely accepted after decades of official amnesia, but the trial has focused on the single crime in question, the reprisal shooting of seven Jewish hostages in Lyons, and on M Touvier's character. Still unamplified, for example, is the role of the Roman Catholic Church, which harboured M Touvier and his family for four decades until his arrest in 1989. As the last of two dozen lawyers for the civil plaintiffs — the victims' families and Jewish groups — addressed the court last week, President Mitterrand added to the sense of futility by dismissing M Touvier as a banal criminal and informer. "He therefore belongs to a kind of political underworld . . . These people are old men. There are few witnesses left and the trial has little meaning."

The President's remarks, quoted in a new book, were treated by the lawyers as testimony to the continuing ambivalence of the wartime generation. Serge Klarsfeld, a lawyer and son of Serge and Beate Klarsfeld, the Nazi-hunting couple, suggested yesterday with bitterness that M Mitterrand should pardon M Touvier, as President Pompidou had done in 1972. Roland Dumas, the former Foreign Minister and friend of M Mitterrand, replied to the President's comments when he appeared for the plaintiffs on Friday, saying: "This trial may be late, but it goes in the direction of history. Forgetting repairs nothing."

Another friend of the President who has been drawn in is Jacques Attali, who is active in the Jewish community. The former Mitterrand aide and international banker said M Mitterrand, like General de Gaulle, had tried to create a myth about France's war record. The truth, he said, was that "France was a collaborator. It was not a few men . . . who usurped power. It was the whole French elite."



Touvier: unrepentant admirer of far right

Coalition leader looks for allies in senate

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SILVIO Berlusconi yesterday awaited his nomination as Prime Minister-designate to form a right-wing government after candidates of his Freedom Alliance were elected Speakers of the senate and chamber of deputies on Saturday.

Carlo Scognamiglio, 49, an economist and Forza Italia senator, was elected Speaker of the upper house, defeating by one vote Giovanni Spadolini, the outgoing Speaker, after senators voted inconclusively three times. In the chamber of deputies, Irene Pivetti, 31, the Northern League candidate, was elected comfortably as Speaker of the lower house.

President Scalfaro swore in the Speakers on Saturday and Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the caretaker Prime Minister, handed in his government's resignation. The head of state is expected to begin formal consultations on naming a Prime Minister-designate on



Berlusconi: narrow win in upper house

Thursday. Signor Scognamiglio's narrow victory demonstrated the vulnerability of the Freedom Alliance in an upper-house confidence vote, and Signor Berlusconi yesterday sought to widen his senate majority by inviting the Italian Popular Party (PPI), the former Christian Democrats, to support him.

"On many points their programme is equal to ours. I believe that an agreement will be found," he said. The PPI leaders responded coolly to his advances, and the Northern League and neo-Fascist National Alliance. Signor Berlusconi's electoral allies, were also unhappy about collaborating with the rump of the party that was discredited by Italy's corruption scandals.

☐ Deputies held: Police have arrested two members of the outgoing parliament and a third is in hiding. Giulio Di Donato, the former Socialist deputy leader, was arrested at home in Naples and taken to prison. He faces corruption charges in connection with urban cleaning contracts. Paolo Caccia, a Christian Democrat, was arrested at Varese for suspected fraud.

The two were the first of possibly 26 deputies expected to face corruption charges, now that their immunity has been lifted with the election of Speakers to the new parliament. Geppino Demitry, a Socialist deputy, suspected of corruption and collusion with the Mafia, escaped arrest. *(AFP)*

Ready...

Bosnian Serb forces call Rose's bluff in cat-and-mouse siege

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BOSNIAN Serbs yesterday played a cat-and-mouse game with Gorazde. First they agreed to end the siege of the Muslim enclave, only to move forward with guns blazing just hours later. Then they agreed to pull back the tanks and declare a ceasefire.

The pace of events left the town's fate uncertain. The Red Cross reported panic in the town and said medical supplies at the hospital were "dangerously low". Sylvana Foa, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees spokeswoman, said shells were shaking the United Nations building in Gorazde, adding: "It's suicidal to step outside. About 30,000 panicking people have moved into the centre of town. Our building is full of people fleeing."

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, who has been on an official visit to Spain, is to hold urgent talks with his advisers today in New York. On Saturday, Yasushi Akashi, the UN special envoy to former Yugoslavia, said that it would be meaningless for the UN Protection Force to remain in Bosnia if the Serbs did not co-operate — a remark which will have heartened General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb commander.

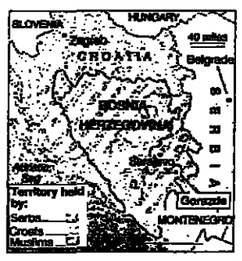
Although the Serbs pulled back after Nato jets flew menacingly low over their positions, hopes that Nato had tamed the Bosnian Serbs were probably premature. Bad weather prevented fresh air strikes, and in the past five days a British pilot has been shot down and an SAS man killed on the ground. To add to the confusion, the UN first said it wanted to send more troops to the enclave, and then at the weekend said it was on the brink of pulling its entire operation out of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

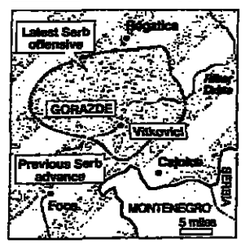
The Serb assault on Gorazde has destroyed the momentum for peace just when the UN needed to keep its nerve. No one with experience of the Serbs should be surprised that, even as they sat poised with a pen in one hand to sign a ceasefire yesterday morning, they were firing

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shells on civilians with the other. Yet the offensive appeared to catch the UN and Nato off guard.

Talking tough and threatening air strikes may have helped to save Sarajevo from further attacks, but Gorazde is different. The Serbs never imagined they could take Sarajevo, and agreed to remove their heavy weapons after receiving assurances that UN troops would be in place to prevent the largely Muslim government forces from seizing the high ground around the capital.





From then on the "talk tough, act tough" approach became the new policy. Nato air power was to be the trump card for the UN Protection Force commanders in Bosnia. There was a real sense of optimism that the UN-Nato double act had at last got it right.

However, there was one fatal flaw. Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, the Unprofor commander, does not have the mandate to call air strikes against Serb advancing tanks. The UN is not in a combative role. The mandate only permits close air support for UN personnel whose lives are at risk. There was never any question of Nato bombers alone halting the Serbs.

The power of Russian diplomacy, and the strength of Russian dismay, have been vastly underrated. Andrei Kozyrev, Russia's Foreign Minister, yesterday indicated that Moscow wanted a broader partnership agreement with Nato that would rule out any unilateral action by the Western alliance, such as air strikes in Bosnia.

The West has in many ways seemed like a chess player failing to take account of the likely consequences of the moves it makes and then looking nonplussed when the opposition manoeuvres into a strong position. General Mladic has called General Rose's bluff, knowing that even if air strikes were launched in support of the UN monitors and liaison officers in Gorazde his troops would not face the blanket bombing suffered by the Iraqis in the Gulf War. The first air strike eight days ago involved just two Americans warplanes.

After the euphoria of Sarajevo, Serb intentions in Gorazde were fatally misjudged. General Rose is unlikely to be able to stop the Serbs taking the town. Yet the reputation of the UN mission seems to rest on him doing just that.

Those responsible for the disastrous turn of events are the political leaders who change policy from day to day, limiting the operation to a strictly humanitarian one, yet expecting bombers to frighten the Serbs away. There was a time, not so long ago, when British ministers said that British troops would have to be withdrawn if air strikes were launched because of the threat of retaliation against UN forces. Now British soldiers are being killed and injured because the UN has over-reached itself, believing that the Serbs could be outmanoeuvred.

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A member of a British tank crew sheltering from the Sarajevo rain yesterday as a United Nations convoy waits for permission to leave for Goradze

Press protests over purge

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE

FOREIGN correspondents based in Belgrade yesterday protested to President Milosevic of Serbia about a purge that has left 13 journalists, including Dessa Trevisan of *The Times*, barred from working in the rump Yugoslavia.

The CNN television network and Agence France-Presse, the French news agency, were among the latest to be told last week that their accreditation would be withdrawn or not renewed, and moves against more journalists are expected today. The Foreign Press Association in Belgrade has sent copies of the protest to Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the European Union and United Nations peace negotiators; Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister; Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State; and EU foreign ministers who meet in Luxembourg today. The purge amounted to a "deliberate campaign to to hinder independent reporting on events in your country and its role in the region and international affairs", the association said in its protest to Mr Milosevic. The American media, particularly CNN, are said to be loathed by the Serbian authorities.

Enclave assault exposes flaws in UN strategy

BY LAWRENCE FREEDMAN

The Bosnian Serb assault on Gorazde has put the concept of United Nations "safe areas" in jeopardy. The concept was flawed from the start. It developed last year after the collapse of the Vance-Owen plan, which was questioned by the Clinton Administration and buried by the Serbs.

The plan's demise meant that territory would be determined by battle, not negotiations. The implications became clear with the siege of Srebrenica, the first town to be designated a safe area in April 1993. The next month UN Security Council resolution 824 designated additional safe areas in Sarajevo, Tuzla, Gorazde, Bihac and Zepa.

Resolution 836 on June 4 authorised the UN Protection Force (Unprofor) "acting in self-defence, to take the necessary measures, including the use of force, in reply to bombardments or to armed incursions and in the case of any deliberate obstruction" to humanitarian convoys. It also permitted member states (in practice, Nato), in co-operation with Unprofor, to use air power in and around the safe areas.

There was a clue to the concept's limits in the deliberate avoidance of the term "safe haven", such as those set up in northern Iraq to protect the Kurds. In Bosnia there was nothing absolute about the UN's commitment, as was evident from the insufficiency of forces provided. This equivocation was compounded by four further tensions:

☐ Between a narrow and a broad notion of self-defence. There was no doubting the readiness of the UN commanders to authorise action to protect their own people, but they had qualms about exercising the right of self-defence on behalf of those they were supposed to be helping.

☐ Between the Western view that no more authority was needed for any use of military force and the Russian view that security council members had to be directly consulted at every step.

☐ Between the UN's support of a humanitarian operation, requiring the consent of all parties to the conflict, and the determination to exert pressure in support of the aggrieved party.

☐ Between the future of the areas designated "safe" and the rest of the territory in dispute. Even if implemented, without a political settlement the concept tended towards freezing established front lines, thereby irritating both sides. For the Serbs it meant tolerating Muslim enclaves as blots on their landscape: for the Muslims it provided no basis for the recovery of the rest of their lost land.

In February these tensions came to the fore over Sarajevo, but were then managed through a combination of a firm Nato ultimatum and constructive local diplomacy. They have re-emerged because the local diplomacy was not backed up by higher-level mediation. Washington and Moscow concentrated on sorting out relations between the Croats and Muslims, and then Croats and Serbs — but not Serbs and Muslims.

This political vacuum encouraged those on both sides who believe that the enemy will yield politically only what has already been taken militarily. The Serbs targeted Gorazde not just to improve their bargaining position but because they saw it as important to the structure of their future state. But the Muslims, too, are on the lookout for territorial gains, and the UN has yet to sort out its attitude towards new Muslim offensives.

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Rifkind condemns armchair critics

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, AND MICHAEL EVANS

MALCOLM Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, yesterday mounted a vociferous defence of actions by Britain and the United Nations in Bosnia, dismissing as "facile" suggestions that Nato air strikes could bomb the warring factions into submission.

Condemning "armchair commentators" who proposed tougher action, he said: "I am not the slightest surprised that those who have put it forward have been discredited."

He insisted, however, that UN troops would have suffered far higher casualties over the past few months if the world body had not been prepared to use the force available to protect its men. "This is a very messy, bloody war. The idea it can be sorted out in some neat, clinical way is a nice aspiration, but totally unrealistic," he said.

Mr Rifkind's comments came as British servicemen on the ground and in the air faced one of the toughest weekends of action in Bosnia since UN troops were first deployed in the war zone more than 18 months ago.

The Royal Navy Sea Harrier that was shot down by a shoulder-launched Sam-7 missile over Gorazde on Saturday was the first British plane brought down over Bosnia.

Lieutenant Nick Richardson, the pilot, remained in safe hands in the besieged city of Gorazde yesterday after ejecting from the stricken aircraft. Other British servicemen, however, were coming under fire near Sarajevo.

A static observation post, manned by men of the Coldstream Guards and Light Dragoons on a confrontation line between the Serbs and Muslims on the edge of Sarajevo, returned 750 rounds of fire when it was attacked from Serb bunkers, the nearest of which was just ten yards away. The Serbs opened fire at 4.50 am yesterday with heavy machineguns and four rounds of RPG7 rocket-propelled grenades. The British UN troops replied "robustly". UN sources said the Serb bunkers were destroyed.

The downing of the Sea Harrier the previous day came as the Serb attack on Gorazde intensified. Two Sea Harriers from 801 Squadron had taken off from the aircraft carrier HMS *Ark Royal* in the Adriatic, at about 3.50 pm local time on Saturday afternoon for a close air-support patrol.

An hour later the planes were diverted to Gorazde to provide close air support for the UN personnel in the city and specifically to attack a tank firing directly into the centre of the enclave. The two aircraft, flying at about 2,000ft, made two passes over the target.

On a third pass to ensure identification of the tank, the leading Sea Harrier was hit. It is believed the Harrier pilot in the following plane spotted the missile trail and warned Lieutenant Richardson, who ejected safely as his aircraft disintegrated. No bombs had been dropped.

The second pilot, Lieutenant Phillips, stayed in the area long enough to receive a message on his radio from his fellow pilot once he had landed safely behind Bosnian Muslim lines. The downed pilot was handed over by the Muslims to other UN personnel in Gorazde, but a plan to lift him out by helicopter was abandoned because of the continuing shelling of the city.



Rifkind: demands for tougher action "facile"

Clinton relents on sanctions

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AFTER a series of policy zigzags over Bosnia, the Clinton Administration has for the first time lined up behind Europe and Russia in agreeing to discuss the phased easing of sanctions against Serbia before a full peace settlement.

The decision to consider being more flexible in negotiations with the Serbs, rather than intensifying military action, was taken at White House meetings on Saturday. The new American position will be discussed today by European Union Foreign Ministers in Luxembourg and will be followed within a day or so by a meeting in Geneva of American, European and Russian officials to discuss how lifting the UN sanctions can be related to a ceasefire and peace accord.

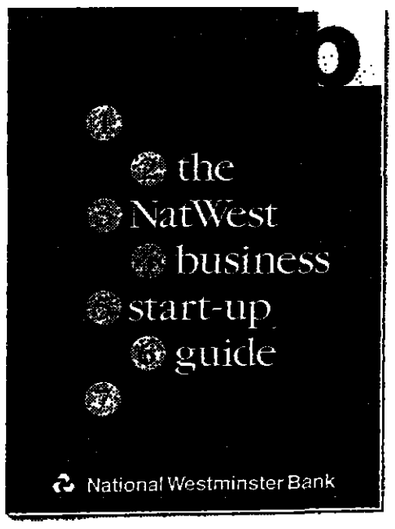
Washington's willingness to review the embargo was conveyed to the Serbs before they had publicly called a halt to their assault on Gorazde. The idea was discussed in a telephone call between Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, and Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, who then immediately flew from Moscow to Belgrade for talks with the Serbs. Mr Kozyrev told Mr Christopher he supported a French proposal to revive an earlier European initiative for a ceasefire in Bosnia and a resumption of talks with the Serbs in exchange for a gradual lifting of the sanctions which have damaged the Serb economy. Mr Kozyrev made his move to head off any more decisive Nato action than the four air strikes and the abortive British raid already flown against the Serbs surrounding Gorazde. The Russians have consistently opposed the use of Nato force against the Serbs.

Until now, the Americans have refused to consider any easing of sanctions in advance of a full peace agreement. Mr Christopher is still reluctant to reward the Serbs for their territorial gains. But Washington is even more disinclined to be dragged into a wider war.

The granting of exemptions to the embargo, perhaps initially for humanitarian supplies, was regarded as a small price in exchange for meaningful peace talks, held perhaps at an international conference under the auspices of Europe, Russia and America. Mr Christopher insisted that no talks on lifting sanctions could occur while Gorazde remained under siege.

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Inkatha mass march postponed after de Klerk warning

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

■ Pretoria has talked of tough measures to prevent bloodshed. Chief Buthelezi replies that nobody has stolen as much as an orange or an apple on an Inkatha march

A MASS march planned for today through Johannesburg by the youth brigade of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party has been postponed for 24 hours, after President de Klerk said that tough measures would be taken to prevent it. The youth brigade said yesterday that it was being delayed for logistical reasons and would be held tomorrow.

Earlier the police had said that they could not guarantee the safety of people coming to work in the city and that thousands of officers would be deployed.

Yesterday, in the Cape Flats area outside Cape Town, three people, including a boy aged six, were crushed to death and 21 others seriously injured when a crowd stampeded as it tried to squeeze into a rally addressed by Nelson Mandela, the president of the African National Congress. Witnesses declared that only one narrow gate had been left open in the crammed Athlone stadium when the stampede happened.

Colonel Dave Bruce, for the police, said of the planned Inkatha march that, despite the youth league's announcement of a 24-hour postponement, security in the centre of the city was being intensified.

Mr de Klerk, speaking at the weekend, told an election rally on the outskirts of Soweto, outside Johannesburg, that the government was determined to avoid a repetition of the bloodbath two weeks ago when 53 people were killed during a Zulu rally in central Johannesburg that reduced the country's financial heart to chaos. "I am confident it will be prevented," he said.

He called on Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha president, to intervene to prevent the conflict that threatened to erupt around the march. "People participating in that march will come into conflict with the law," he said.

The youth league's plans for the march include a wreath-laying outside Shell House, the tower-block headquarters of the ANC, in honour of those killed there two weeks ago when ANC security guards opened fire on Inkatha supporters. The ANC's youth league has threatened to take the law into its own hands if the security forces fail to deal with the situation.

Charles Loliwe, Transvaal chairman of the Inkatha youth league, insisted yesterday that the march would take place tomorrow. The ANC says that busloads of Inkatha supporters are being ferried into the Johannesburg area from the Natal/KwaZulu region.

Mr Loliwe said a campaign of mass action would go ahead today, including a march on the South African Broadcasting Corporation to demand the resignation of its new board of governors, which is perceived as being dominated by the ANC.

In Ulundi, the KwaZulu capital, Chief Buthelezi reacted coolly to the president's plea. "I do not see why anyone should be apprehensive about the march," he said. "No single march by the IFP has ever gone out of control. We have never stolen an orange or an apple."

☐ **Disaster plans:** Medical authorities in the Johannesburg-Pretoria area said yesterday that they were preparing for potential disaster during South Africa's elections next week. Hospitals in the industrial heartland had stopped handling non-emergency cases in order to leave beds free. *(Reuter)*

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Far-right general rallies Afrikaners

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN PRETORIA

A MONTH after the dramatic birth of the right-wing Freedom Front, South Africa's newest political party, its leader, General Constand Viljoen, stares out from posters on street corners in towns and villages across the country.

Despite its relative lack of sophistication, the Freedom Front campaign, spurred on by dedicated volunteers and funds from an Electoral Act entitlement, appears to be gathering momentum.

Where the National Party and African National Congress have employed dozens of experienced workers to co-ordinate their campaigns, at the Freedom Front's new offices in the suburbs of Pretoria friends and relatives make the tea and answer the telephones.

Pieter Mulder, 42, a former Conservative Party parliamentarian turned Freedom Front candidate, who defected with his brother after his former party decided to boycott the elections, is masterminding the campaign. He concedes that this task is "very difficult", given the financial and time constraints.

General Viljoen and his followers were persuaded to participate in the elections after they realised they would not be granted a *volkstaat* (white homeland) before the elections and the ANC linked their demands for a homeland directly to their participation in the poll.

As the front's single greatest asset in this presidential-style campaign, General Viljoen is pivotal. In a message designed to play on the emotions of Afrikaners, the front's leader is presented on two levels rolled into one: he is the "invincible general" of the Angolan war, and the "honest politician" who can only deliver a *volkstaat* through negotiations on an elected platform.

As the word spreads and the Freedom Front sheds its association with the neo-Nazi



Viljoen: made homeland an election issue

fringe, the crowds have increased. Dr Mulder is convinced that the message is hitting home and the vast majority of Afrikaners, including many members of the Afrikaner Volksfront, which is boycotting the poll, will vote for the Freedom Front, even though they may not admit it publicly. He points out that some polls put them third behind the National Party and the ANC.



Nicole Rothschild and Dudley Moore celebrate their wedding on the balcony of their California home

Oscar-night tiff ends in marriage

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

DUDLEY Moore, the British comic actor, married his girlfriend in Los Angeles at the weekend, despite an Oscar-night tiff less than a month ago that landed him briefly in jail.

Moore, 58, who has been married three times before, proposed to Nicole Rothschild, 30, within days of his arrest on suspicion of "spousal abuse" on March 21. The couple, who have known each other for a decade, argued while watching the presentation of the Academy Awards, and Moore apparently turned violent.

Police officers who went to the couple's house in Marina del Rey said Ms Rothschild had suffered "minor, but visible trauma to the neck area". Moore was was released later that night and the police decided not to press charges.

At 5ft 10in, Ms Rothschild, from Corona del Mar in southern California, stands eight inches taller than her new husband. The couple greeted well wishers after the wedding from the balcony of their oceanside house, and Moore announced: "We did it." Ms Rothschild said: "The ceremony was short and funny." to which Moore quipped: "Yes, short and funny like me."

Moore, who began his career in Britain in *Beyond the Fringe* and made his name in Hollywood opposite Bo Derek in the hit film *10*, has previously been married to three actresses: Suzy Kendall, Tuesday Weld and Brogan Lane. The best man was Moore's agent, Lou Pitt, but there were no Hollywood celebrities in attendance.

Liberal defector enters Tokyo race

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

AFTER more than a week of uncertainty, members of Japan's ruling coalition are expected to choose a new Prime Minister today.

Until the weekend the most likely candidate to succeed Morihiro Hosokawa was Tsutomu Hata, the Foreign Minister. But yesterday Michio Watanabe, a prominent member of the opposition Liberal Democratic Party, announced that he will leave the party and run for the post.

Mr Watanabe, 70, indicated that he will form his own party and join the ruling coalition. Aides said last night that at least 20 Liberals are planning to join Mr Watanabe, who has been assiduously wooing potential defectors in the last week. A third contender for the leadership is Yohei Kono, the Liberals' president, who will meet Mr Watanabe today to try to persuade him to stay in the party. All sides agree a new Prime Minister should be in place this week.

The need for a new administration is becoming critical, as domestic issues, such as tax reforms and the 1994 national budget — which was due to go into effect nearly three weeks ago — remain unresolved. On the international front, important negotiations and official visits have been put on hold.

However, Mr Hosokawa's resignation will not take effect until his successor has been approved by both houses of the Diet or parliament. If the two houses cannot agree on a common candidate, the lower house vote will prevail. The manoeuvring revolves round the complex balance of power within the ruling coalition, which collectively controls 260 seats in the 511-seat lower house. The LDP until last week held 219 seats. But in a separate development five other Liberal Diet members announced on Friday they were leaving to form a new party and that more were expected to follow.

If, as expected, Mr Watanabe leads his own group of Liberal defectors, it could prompt a walkout by disgruntled coalition elements — some of whom may even join the Liberals. The inevitable wave of defections and new alliances would significantly alter the outcome of any leadership vote. Among the dissenters in the coalition, the pro-reform Sakigake, led by Masayoshi Takemura, the chief Cabinet secretary, has threatened to leave if Mr Watanabe joins the coalition.

Mr Hata, meanwhile, has remained ambivalent about his aspirations — and surprisingly positive about Mr Watanabe's candidacy. Observers believe he may be biding his time.

☐ **Washington:** William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, will leave today for South Korea and Japan on a trip delayed by the accidental downing of two US military helicopters in Iraq. Talks will focus on rising tensions over North Korea's nuclear programme. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Muslim divorce curbed in India

Delhi: India's 120 million Muslims have been told that the "triple talaq" — whereby a husband divorces his wife by saying three times "I divorce you" — is illegal (Christopher Thomas writes). The ruling strikes at the heart of Muslim tradition in India.

The judgment by Allahabad High Court, in the religiously explosive northern state of Uttar Pradesh, brought a condemnation from orthodox Muslim leaders and even from liberals who regard it as interference in Muslim personal law. The ruling, which will be welcomed by most Muslim women, will be challenged in the Supreme Court.

Justice Hari Nath Tihari said the triple talaq was sinful under Islam-Sunnat (the Word of the Prophet) and contravened the Koran. "How terrifying, how harsh to the poor woman and her children, is the effect of a talaq (divorce)," he said. Divorce was "the most hated of all things permitted to man by Allah".

500 arrested

Cairo: Police have arrested 500 people in connection with arms and drugs crimes in security sweeps here in the past three days. On Saturday, Muslim militants attacked a train in southern Egypt. Nobody was hurt. *(Reuter)*

Work permits

Jerusalem: Israeli Cabinet ministers said 20,000 permits would be granted to Palestinians — 4,000 to agricultural workers — to enter Israel, in the first easing of the 11-day closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Gergen move

Washington: David Gergen, the man who brought a steady hand to the White House after President Clinton's chaotic first months in office, is reported to be considering leaving the White House for a teaching job.

Fare dodge

Chicago: An unnamed mother, aged 15, who left her 18-month-old son with Franklin Pierre, a Chicago taxi driver, as security for an unpaid fare, has been charged with abandoning the child, the police said. *(AP)*

Let us not pray

Dubai: Heavy rain fell on Riyadh and other parts of Saudi Arabia yesterday, a day before the kingdom's Muslim population had been due to pray for rain at the request of King Fahd. *(Reuter)*

Three held over China boat fire

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN PEKING

CHINA, under pressure to explain how 24 Taiwanese and eight Chinese died in a boat fire on March 31, said yesterday three men had been arrested on suspicion of murder.

After initially describing it as an accident, China said the tragedy on Thousand Island Lake in Zhejiang province was being treated as murder, robbery and arson. Wu Lihong, 22, Yu Aljun, 23, and Hu Zhihan, 24, all from Zhejiang, "had confessed to plotting, preparing and carrying out the robbery and murders and setting fire to the boat", the Xinhua News Agency said.

Massacres mount in Rwanda capital

BY CATHERINE BOND IN KIGALI AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

RWANDAN soldiers raped and hacked to death civilians while battles with rebels raged for an eleventh day in the capital, Kigali, after the breakdown of ceasefire talks, witnesses said yesterday.

"The mayhem has gathered pace. There are massacres all over the place. The army's delight is to murder civilians, while civilians turn on each other in ethnic revenge," said one witness. He said that in one incident soldiers tied the hands of civilians behind their backs, then butchered them with machetes. "Sometimes people pleaded for their lives for 20 to 30 minutes, then the soldiers just shot them dead. Women are raped first, then killed."

As heavy fighting continued for strategic hilltops round the city, no one appeared to be in control of Kigali. Units of the army, dominated by members of the majority Hutu tribe, and the Tutsi-led rebels fought with heavy artillery, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades, the witness said by telephone. About 3,600 rebels had infiltrated the city, but the army was resisting fiercely.

A Belgian military officer, who left Kigali yesterday as his role as deputy in command of the UN military observer force came to an end, denied reports from Brussels that Belgians serving as UN troops were trapped at the international airport. He said some Belgian "blue helmets" would be staying on at the airport for a few more days and that both sides in the conflict had agreed the area would be a neutral zone under UN control. Belgium's 420 UN peacekeepers in Rwanda can start withdrawing overland, tomorrow, a Belgian armed forces spokesman said. Ghanaian soldiers would relieve the Belgians at the airport.

"The airport and certainly the runway could be seriously damaged, so quite a lot of troops could become trapped like rats in a trap," Willy Claes, the Belgian Foreign Minister, said in Brussels.

Yesterday the army announced the appointment of a new Chief of Staff, Augustin Bizimungu. The former Chief of Staff died with Rwanda's Hutu President, Juvenal Habyarimana, 12 days ago in a suspicious plane crash that also killed the newly-appointed Hutu President of neighbouring Burundi. The appointment of the new Chief of Staff may facilitate talks concerning the possibility of a truce between the rebels and an army increasingly uncertain of its future.



Claes: troops may be trapped at airport

'Dirty dozen' cops ran drug racket in Harlem precinct

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

NEW York's police commissioner has accused his men of allowing "rogue cops" to take over a precinct in a drug-ridden part of Harlem after 12 officers were arrested for taking bribes and robbing drug dealers.

The "dirty dozen" worked at the 30th precinct at the northern end of Manhattan. Investigators say another 35 officers are likely to be charged or face disciplinary action for failing to turn in colleagues. The commanding officer has been reassigned to a desk job.

"You have allowed the rogue cops to take over the precinct," William Bratton, the city's new police commissioner, told more than 100 officers at the 30th precinct after the 12 officers were arrested on Friday. A special commission was set up two years ago to investigate police abuses in the city.

The rogue policemen nicknamed themselves the "Felony Key Club", after their practice of taking keys from suspected drug traffickers to enter flats. Court papers alleged that the men stole cash, sold seized drugs, took protection money from drug dealers and beat up those who refused to pay. One officer allegedly shot a drug dealer in the stomach after stealing a bag of cocaine from him. Another allegedly offered to share $100,000 (£68,000) in cash he had found in a drug dealer's flat with his partner. Several allegedly rifled through a drug dealer's safe that had been taken to the police station, leaving only a fraction of the cash inside.

Mr Bratton said the 12 men, some of whom worked undercover, used their police badges "not for protection but as weapons to punish, to brutalise, to steal, to rob and to cheat". Arrests are expected in up to ten more of New York's 75 police precincts.

Steady...

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The two Terrys meet again on a wet London night and demonstrate how even the most disparate of souls can find a sort of harmony

Private torments, public triumphs

SOMETIMES, to everyone's surprise, the most unpromising medium turns out to have been the best one after all. Let me explain.

If you wanted to communicate the experience and relationships of hostages — men back from the dead after years in darkness and in chains — you might think of various ways to do so. Through books, naturally; through sensitive print interviews. You would expect "in-depth" television interviews with plenty of close-ups of eyes and knotted fingers; or long, calm radio conversations. Some would concoct TV dramatisations of their story and eventually a film along the lines of *In the Name of the Father*, with a few key facts annoyingly twisted to give Emma Thompson some rousing speeches. There might be a fringe play, a rock oratorio.

But if you were searching for a medium to explore the hostage experience, you would not immediately think of holding a large public meeting in a soulless auditorium on a wet Thursday night. Public meetings are out of style: television has become the hustings, conferences woo us with every kind of audio-visual trick, the famous appear at the flick of a button. Yet something happened a few nights ago at just such a meeting, which I have not got over.

The Times supports a series of debates and forums, with Dillons bookshops. In honour of their books, it invited two Middle East hostages to talk and answer questions from the floor. Terry Waite was five years imprisoned, four of them in solitary confinement. He was taken during his efforts to free existing hostages, including the American journalist Terry Anderson, who was held seven years. The men met late in their captivity: chained either side of a wall, they made their knuckles raw by tapping out laborious letter-code. Later they were in the same crowded cell while Waite was ill, gasping for breath; on bad nights, Terry Anderson used to drag himself to the end of his chain in order to sit silently close to him.



LIBBY PURVES

They sat that close again, either side of me as I chaired — minimally, for it was hardly needed — the meeting. They had barely met since debriefing at RAF Lyneham (in the audience was a convivial support-group of RAF psychiatrists). Before the meeting they embraced: unlikely friends, the tall, churchy, British Waite and the small, joshing American journo. The bond between them was palpable. In the crowded lift, laughter exploded at the tactlessly claustrophobic situation we had inadvertently put them in. The overload alarm went off at Terry Waite's entrance, and two fellow-travellers rather than one had to be pushed out to let him aboard. Awkward jokes were made about ritual humiliation: "Do the thing properly, chain them to the wall," said someone. The former hostages laughed the most.

Onstage, Terry Waite (who still spends much time alone from choice) spoke with intensity. He is plainly very much aware of the harsh criticism he faced in his absence. If the media have speculated on whether he was naive or arrogant in Beirut in 1987, he has wondered about it too: alone for four years, and it shows. Terry Anderson joked more, passing on the absurdities as well as the pain. When you have just slowly given news of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of apartheid by tapping on a wall, the problem is, the man the other side thinks you are crazy.

Then the questions began. Refreshingly straightforward questions, not put by some interviewer with a reputation to hone but by private people who came out in the rain to hear the answers. The obvious ones — Iran-Contra and the rest — were answered. But others were personal. To simple-hearted questions they gave better answers than any TV-show gets or deserves. They were asked about growth through suffering, faith, adapting to release, and whether they found good in their jailers. "Look," said Anderson cheerfully, "I guess really *good* people don't chain you up for years." But he spoke seriously of Islam, and Waite of measuring time by the cry of the muezzin.

They were frank about tensions, like Waite's illness — "This great big thing lying there wheezing at me all night," as Anderson put it. Terry Waite showed, in words and grimaces and apologetic glances at his friend, the difficulty of being an authoritative, serious, rather self-important public man emerging from four years' solitary into a cellful of younger, jokier men with a laddish mutual understanding. "I kept putting my foot in it."

We saw with clarity the relationship between Terry Waite and Terry Anderson: Anderson was the kindest of the three to the big, tormented man, unsuccessfully tried to teach him "card sense", and sat by him as he fought for breath. He gave him respect for having tried to free others. The bond between them filled the hall with an awed recognition of how, in extremis, very disparate people can find a sort of love.

Near the end, talking mystically about solitude, meditation, philosophy and the captive's perception of time, Terry Waite meandered a bit, concluding vaguely "But that leads us to a deeper mystery". Anderson, inured to his style after 14 months chained to him, said drily: "Yeah, a lot of things TW says do that". And TW led the laughter, as the whole auditorium united in the private joke. I would not have been anywhere else. I never thought I would say that, about a public meeting.

Chronicler of the lost world

During his extraordinary life Wilfred Thesiger has seen tribal man corrupted — and has learnt to hate television and the motor car. **Walter Ellis** reports

No Briton this century can have led so self-consciously singular a life as Wilfred Thesiger. A scholar-adventurer, administrator, soldier and explorer, he has found himself over the years close to, and sometimes at the very heart of, great events, yet longing for the opportunity to immerse himself once more either in solitude or in the company of native peoples whose values he respects and whose trust he has earned.

Today, at 83, with a new book, *My Kenya Days*, about to be published, his sight is failing and he has been told that in a short time he will be totally blind. But his mind's eye can still recall scenes the like of which scarcely a white man now alive was privileged to witness. As a small boy in Addis Ababa — where his father was minister in charge of the British Legation — he watched the triumphant return of the army of Ras Tafari, later the emperor Haile Selassie, from its bloody victory over Lij Yasu at the Battle of Sagale.

> "I have been offered Kentucky chicken by the Dayak"

"They marched to the throb of drums and the blare of trumpets," he recalls from his small Chelsea flat, "under waving pennants and countless jostling spearheads. Few Europeans ever saw a spectacle so utterly barbaric, savage and splendid — certainly not two small boys like my brother and myself. I saw it then, tense and restless with excitement; today, at any time, I can picture it again. It gave me a craving for colour, savagery and tradition which grew over the years into an ever-deepening distaste for so-called modern progress."

Thereafter, Thesiger never lived in England, other than while attending Eton and Oxford, for more than a month or so at a time. For years, indeed, he was wholly lost to the upper middle-class society into which he had been born (his uncle was Lord Chelmsford, the Viceroy of India) as he sought out ways of life that were in harmony with his own extraordinary temper.

After Oxford, where he read history, he disappeared into the wilds of the Danakil desert of Ethiopia, in an attempt to find out what happened to the Awash River, which had a source but, seemingly, no mouth. Danakil warriors were fanatically violent and wore around their waists as evidence of their manhood the severed testicles of their victims, but Thesiger, undeterred, eventually found what he sought — the river meandering into a salt lake that then evaporated under the unremitting African sun.

Still, happily, equipped for further adventure, he later worked as a district commissioner for the Sudan Political Service, resigning from the permanent staff so that he could be given a contract posting among the most remote peoples of the Western Nuer.

By the time Italy entered the Second World War, Thesiger, an indignant Abbysinian loyalist, was a soldier in the Sudan Defence Force and subsequently fought with Wingate, where he helped to drive out 40,000 Italians from Gojjam and won the eternal gratitude of Haile Selasse. Transferring to Syria, he next helped raise the Druze Legion to fight the forces of Vichy France before moving to the Western Desert and joining the newly-formed SAS.

"I went to David Sterling and asked if I could join up. I talked to him for a bit and he took me on." The result was a fabled campaign behind enemy lines which won him the DSO.

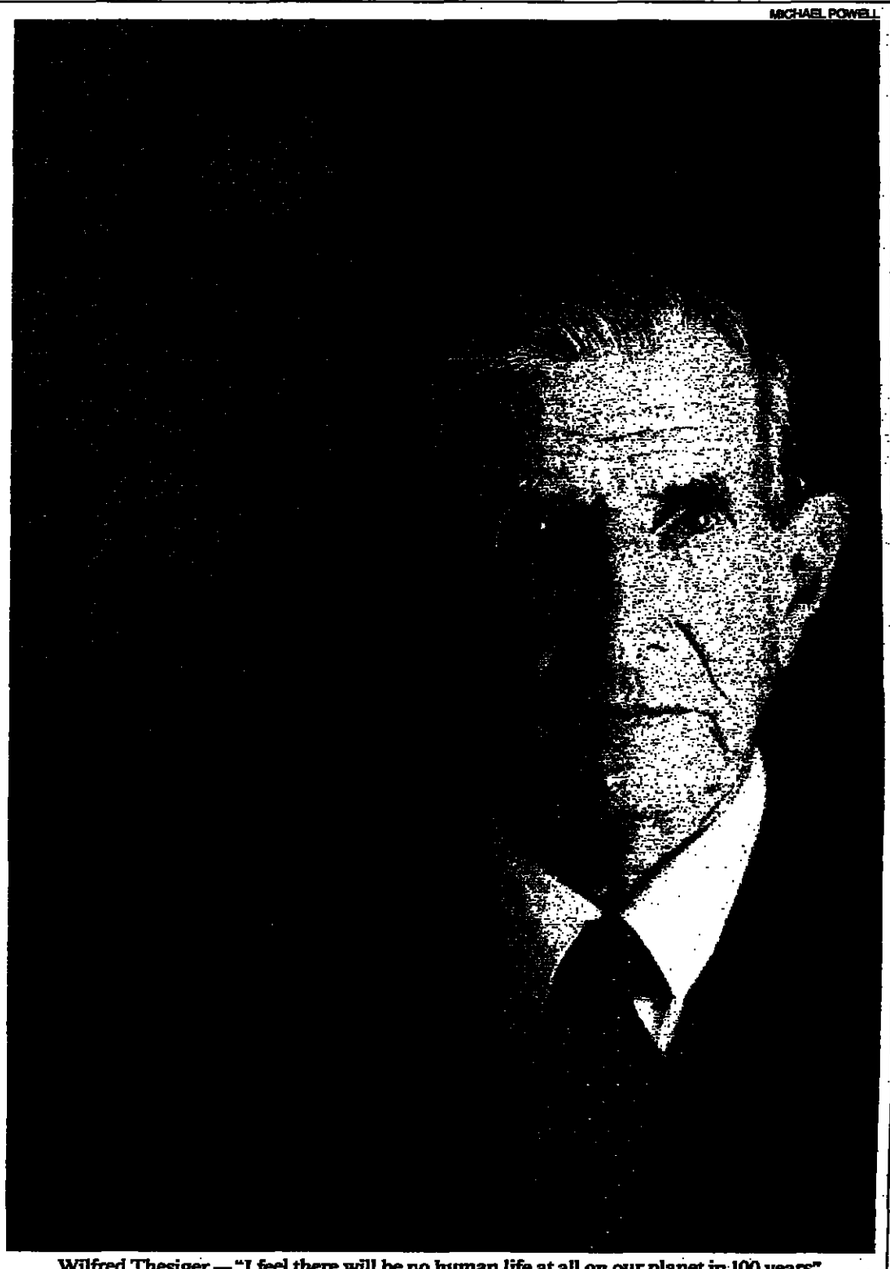
The war was followed by fresh challenges. Offered the task of investigating locust depredations in the deserts of southern Arabia, Thesiger spent five years among the Bedu tribesmen of the Empty Quarter, wandering where he chose and so disdainful of local political sensibilities that the British Resident in the Gulf was forced to intervene and, in effect, to deport him.

But Thesiger's lust for the obscure was far from satisfied. Seven years among the Marsh Arabs of southern Iraq (the same people whom Saddam is currently seeking to destroy) came next, punctuated by expeditions to the Karakorams and the Hindu Kush. In 1960, he began his long sojourn in the Northern Frontier District of Kenya, where his accounts of tribal life among the Samburu and other tribes form a unique record.

He has little time for borders and customs posts, and even less for economic grand designs.

"Twelve years of compulsory education has put an end to tribal life in Kenya. It's education that has disrupted society there. They don't want to till the soil now or herd their cattle. They want to work in the office buildings of Nairobi or in the hotels of the coast. The Masai and the Samburu wait by the roadside dressed in their shukas (cloaks), but pull them off to stand near-naked for the tourists. I don't call this progress. Tribal life is disappearing. It is completely gone for the Kikuyu (the dominant tribe), and the Masai and the Samburu are doomed."

Weatherbeaten, with a face like Auden might have had if he had lived in the bush, he recounts with palpable regret how other peoples among whom he has lived are already culturally extinct. "When I was among the Rashid in southern Arabia, the Bedu had no contact with Western life. But two years after I left, the oil companies moved in, and now they all have cars and money. They have adapted, but it is not the same. There is no longer the dull ache of hunger, and this is a shame, for it produced a fine type."



MICHAEL POWELL

Wilfred Thesiger — "I feel there will be no human life at all on our planet in 100 years"

About the Marsh Arabs he is pessimistic. "It seems as if Saddam has wiped out the entire structure of their lives."

The problem, as Thesiger sees it, is that the 20th century has been dominated by technology and has lost all contact with natural life.

"I hate the spread of American culture. I have been offered Kentucky Fried Chicken by the Dayak. I hate cars and aeroplanes. They have robbed the world of all diversity. I resent virtually all the material manifestations of Western civilisation. Television seems to me a terrible intrusion. Why the hell should you want to know there's been a massacre in Rwanda one hour after its happened?

"I despair of the deadly technical ingenuity of modern man. When the first men landed on the Moon, I had a terrible feeling of desecration. Looking round me, I feel there will be no human life at all on our planet in 100 years. Once every Chinese has a car, we're finished. The internal combustion engine has been a profound misfortune. What have we gained from it?"

The message is a bleak one, relieved by the passionate nature of his regard for lost innocence. His concern now is that, in extreme old age, he must choose between his Kenyan home, with his native "family", and the Chelsea flat left to him by his mother.

One suspects that Africa will not let him go. "It would be a sad parting," he says. "I have had a very good life and I'd very happily do it all again. But in the setting of the past, not the setting of the future."

● *My Kenya Days, by Wilfred Thesiger, is published by HarperCollins (£20).*

The naked city and the naked rat

New York finds common cause with a repulsive, work-crazed burrow-dweller

Allow me to introduce you to a popular newcomer on New York's social scene. He is not much to look at. Indeed, with his buck teeth, lank whiskers and shrivelled skin, he may be the ugliest celebrity for many years, yet Manhattanites have become obsessed with him. He is the naked mole rat of East Africa.

This unprepossessing mammal, neither mole nor rat, was all but unknown in the city until a few weeks ago when *The New York Times* mentioned the naked mole rat's peculiar but admirable tendency to commit suicide for the good of his colleagues — a mole rat infested with fleas will retreat to a corner of the burrow and starve itself to death.

This was followed last week by a 2,500-word article detailing "The Strange, Dark World of the Naked Mole Rat" in complete and fascinating detail.

Since then the little fellow has become a staple topic: partly because of his bizarre life-cycle, but mostly, I suggest, because New Yorkers have found in his activities an echo of their own strange, frank world.

Naked mole rats grow to about 3in and live cheek-by-jowl in large, sprawling colonies beneath the deserts of East Africa. They practically never go outside, relying instead on teams of specialised mole rats to collect food, mostly tubers. This is a society that relies on home delivery.

But it is their complex social organisation, for which the scientific term is eusociality, and which most nearly resembles the complex and rigid organisation of honey bee colonies, that has piqued the imagination.

Like New York itself, the naked mole rat colony relies on a strict division of labour: some animals are devoted to food scavenging, others to cleaning, some look after offspring while the larger animals protect the nest. It is, if you like, nature's equivalent of a society wholly reliant on sophisticated service industries.

Left alone, the naked mole rat rapidly perishes. Scientists say the animals have a complex range of meaningful noises, an ever-changing language of small whistles and grunts, despite a notable lack of external ears, and an ingrained work ethic which requires youngsters to toil as soon as they are fully grown. How like New York, say New Yorkers.

Presiding over the colony is a Queen naked mole rat, a large, bossy prima donna who does all the breeding for the colony and patrols around the burrow making sure that her workers are doing their share. When a Queen dies, another female automatically begins to grow and magically appears to take her place.

Again like New Yorkers, naked mole rats are both excessively houseproud and thoroughly grubby. One glance at a New York street reveals how little its inhabitants worry about litter, while many spend fortunes ensuring their own apartments are not only fashionable, but spotless.

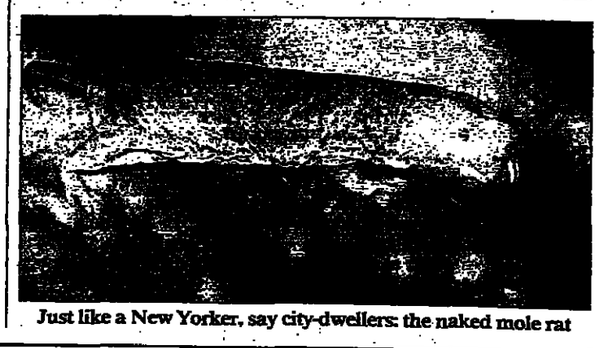
So it is with the naked mole rats, which have a repulsive habit of rolling in each other's excrement but spend hours carefully sweeping the burrow clean of stray sand and roots. They even set up a bathroom which all burrow residents are required to use.

Where the comparison breaks down, of course, is in the area of polite sociability. Naked mole rats periodically get into arguments and lock incisors in a sort of mock battle, but seldom do each other any damage. Since they have limited internal thermostats and virtually no way of controlling their own body temperature, they must snuggle together for warmth. If the burrow cools, individual animals are sent to warm up on the surface before returning to the nest to share their body heat with the clan.

New Yorkers, by contrast, seem to like one another less and less. Every day the papers bring fresh evidence of muggings, murders and rape. Even last winter's savagery saw few New Yorkers huddling together for warmth.

At a recent dinner party in Manhattan my host, a native of the city, proposed a toast to this tiny, hideous, semi-blind but socially admirable creature. "We have much to learn from the naked mole rat," he observed, and his fellow burrow-dwellers nodded sagely.

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Waifs are shown the door as America rediscovers the woman who just enjoys being a girl



TWEED: even the most sensible look can be touched with a sense of fun. From left, Ralph Lauren, Isaac Mizrahi, Anne Klein, Anna Sui, Bill Blass



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BITS OF FLUFF: furs, fakes and just a touch of the ridiculous from Laura Whitcomb, Anna Sui, Todd Oldham, Isaac Mizrahi, Marc Jacobs

As the autumn/winter collection previews drew to a close in New York last week, the American designers had one singular aim: to encourage women to dress as if they enjoy being women. Whereas previously they could be relied upon for unashamedly unassuming, easy fashion which could stroll straight out of the showroom and onto the street, now they are finding inspiration on the street itself. Specifically 42nd Street.

The overtly glamorous "white trash" fashion on offer made heads spin, coming as it does after several seasons of nothing but sulky, waif-like child-women whose only curve was in the downward turn of their mouths. This season models looked and behaved like flashy film-stars.

The 1940s and early 1950s provided rich booty. It was almost impossible not to get carried along on the crest of a marcel wave, as young designers such as Todd Oldham, Anna Sui and Isaac Mizrahi rediscovered Hollywood glamour. Their shows had more razzmatazz than a Broadway musical, their catwalks were ablaze with searing colour, with sequins, and with fluffy bits of maribou and ostrich feather. The colour may translate only as a bright-ly-shaded shirt under a sensible suit, the make-up as red lip stain, but translate it will.

Fox furs (with fake poodle heads), shiny cabbage roses, turbans, and teetering high heels were piled on — accessories which accompanied even the most sensible tweed trouser suit (of which there were many). Accessories which are girly, and silly, and fun.

Everyone was touched with a sense of the ridiculous — even Bill Blass, who showed some of the best tailored tweed trouser suits, used eccentric hats made in matching fabrics. At times during Ralph Lauren's show, which was a homage to Mary Queen of Scots, the designer almost lost *his* head. Lauren still managed to offer some of the most luxurious tweed and mohair mixes shown during the week.

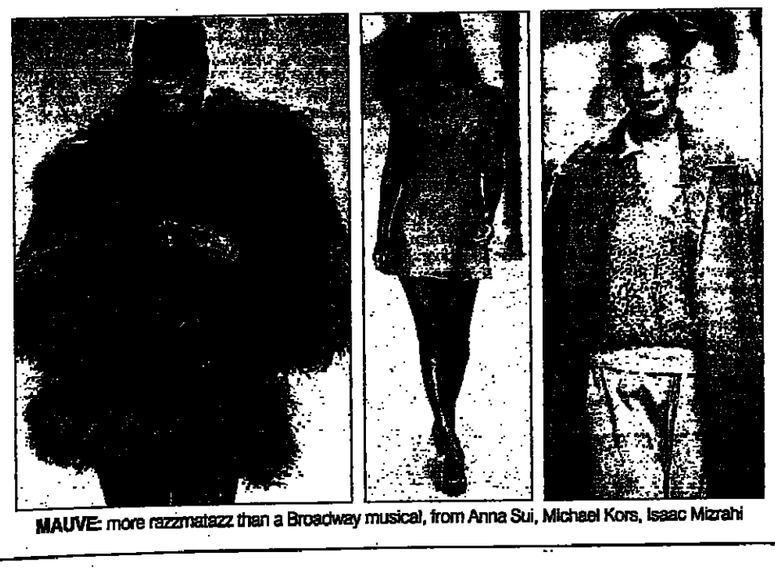
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Laura Whitcomb, for Label, and Donna Karan share a message. Both are proud of their sex. Karan's, "I Am Woman (hear me roar)", catwalk feminism saw a diverse selection of her friends — the photographer Sheila Metzner, the film-maker Bianca Jagger, the painter Ahn Duong, and the former models Patti Hanson and Verushka, among others — mingling with the younger mannequins. All (whatever their age, height, or size) wore Karan's collection of sensuous jersey dresses, comfortable knits, lingerie lace, and leather, with the emphasis on grey.

Whitcomb, on the other hand, sent out models dressed as Playboy Bunny Girls in satin swimsuits cut so high they would make even Hugh Hefner blush.

Marc Jacobs's show was the hottest ticket of the week, and Jacobs produced a collection which was near boiling point when it came to colour. Grey suits were edged with canary yellow Mongolian fur, emerald leather fitted coats clashed with sequinned skirt and sweater sets (which never matched), and huge Big Bird fluffball jackets were layered over yet more leather. Jacobs dressed his models as extras from *The Happy Hooker* — the movie.

The only screeching at the Calvin Klein show came via the clubland hard-rhythm soundtrack favoured by the designer. Klein chose to go against the flow in terms of colour — his palette is still neutral-based with lots of black — although his designs have never been more womanly. The woman wears soft, knee-length pleated skirts, knitted double-breasted jackets, and coats which button right up to the neck, covering a silk dress which flirts with the knee: a wardrobe fit for another superstar, Maggie Smith as Miss Jean Brodie. This collection sees Calvin Klein in *his* prime.



MAUVE: more razzmatazz than a Broadway musical, from Anna Sui, Michael Kors, Isaac Mizrahi

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■ Politicians who feed the wolves of the press should know that sooner or later they will be on the menu

Journalists who know him say that Chris Meyer, the new pressman at Number 10, is superb. Even John Major's enemies concede that the PM made a good choice. Mr Meyer, they say, has two particular skills: he guards his boss from unstructured encounters with hungry newsmen; and he organises regular feeding times for lobby correspondents. "He gives us meat," they say. "He does not wait till news overtakes the PM. He's in early, *making* the news; putting the best gloss on events; moving us on with fresh stories."

It sounds clever. For now it works. But I am suspicious of the developing philosophy of which Mr Meyer is so polished an exponent. It is Maoist, the theory of permanent revolution translated into PR: the Constant Campaign.

It is not a philosophy on which a calm relationship between press and Prime Minister can ever rest.

I imagine a winter scene in which an anxious PM is drawn through the forest by speeding reindeer. From the sleigh's rear, Mr Meyer throws out sausages to the pursuing wolves. The more the wolves howl, the faster come the sausages, the more the reindeer are whipped forward.

I do not blame Mr Meyer. This may be the only short-term tactic available for a beleaguered premier. But as a long-term strategy, it will never place any Prime Minister's relationship with the media on a mature footing.

I blame Mrs Thatcher. Hers *was* a constant campaign. She saw politics as permanent war on all fronts with evil forces. The media got hooked on the whiff of cordite and sulphur. During her era, the metaphor of violence — "furious exchanges", "humiliating climbdown", "blood on the carpet", "savage attack" ... a clichéd world in which politicians "delight" "astonish" "dismay" "shock" or "slam" other politicians — first entrenched itself in the house styles of quality newspapers.

And (as the *Daily Mail*'s Andrew Alexander has pointed out) we enter an era when if a party leader is silent for a week, he is "sulking". If he talks to his own MPs he is trying "to reassert his authority". Then he is "battling to maintain his authority". And when any reverse is encountered, it is a "new challenge" to his authority: a "fresh setback" to an "accident-prone" PM.

In this fantastical world, the adrenaline pumps constantly. Every piece of political news, however trivial, must be interpreted as an advance or a reverse in an artillery-pounded war zone.

Mr Meyer judges that this is the landscape, so he and his boss must operate in it. A day in which news of an advance cannot be contrived is a day's reverse — or so we journalists would claim. A week's silence from Mr Major would be headlined "bunkering down". "No comment" would be described as taking umbrage. So Mr Meyer plays our game.

He plays well. But this is not a game in which a premier can ever win more than breathing space. Success, and a positive front-page lead, only sharpens an editor's appetite for a follow-up. Success piled upon success increases the premium on a "tumble" story. The tumble story sharpens an editor's desire for a "predators move in for the kill" story. Then must come the kill — or the "wounded premier fights back" story.

There is no end to this. Only an ever more breathless pace. Mr Meyer is leading us a fine chase, but this is a race with no finishing post, and we have reinforcements.

Sooner or later, press, politicians and public are going to have to grow up and remember a British Prime Minister does not have to be in the newspapers all the time. Except at thrilling times, sustained contemplation of political leaders does not dispose the British to love them more, and it is not Mr Major's destiny to lead us through thrilling times. He has to lead us through ambiguous times. The plot is indeterminate, the script confusing, and Mr Major is not a natural performer.

> 'I imagine a winter scene in which an anxious PM is drawn by speeding reindeer'

The instinct of a talented consultant such as Mr Meyer, to touch up the greasepaint, turn up the limelight, hot up the orchestra and work up the audience, is dangerous. It only whets appetites for the next fluffed line.

I cannot fault the skill with which the Number 10 press staff are parrying from a corner. But the day may come when they are out of the corner. Every temptation will then be to up the tempo of battle further. Yet it will be precisely then — on a day when a by-election is won, an economic milestone passed, or an enemy routed — that a PM should have the courage to say "no comment".

For it is not in commentary, not in spin, not in gloss, not in news manipulation, not in *stories* of any sort, that a solid leader finds his surest ground. Stories need more stories like heroin needs more heroin. "No comment" is a fine old phrase which the English respect, and the best place for a strong leader to spend most of his political life.

If he is to endure, as he well might, for a very long time, this Prime Minister must find his way back on to that ground.

The very model of a modern Tory MP reassures us that the nation's affairs are in safe hands

Conservative man in all his glory

William Rees-Mogg

Dudley Nightshade, the Conservative member for Bognor Regis, came down from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge in 1962 with a second class degree in agricultural economics: in the previous year he had been the chairman of the Cambridge University Conservative Association. He entered Parliament in 1970, and served briefly in the Whips' Office in the later months of the Heath administration. In 1978 he was sacked from his position as frontbench spokesman on fisheries, because Mrs Thatcher happened to attend a debate in which he was speaking. She described his speech as "wet, boring, long-winded and socialist".

He later recovered his position in the parliamentary party on being appointed PPS to Patrick Jenkin, now Lord Jenkin, at the Department of Social Security. In 1988 he was made under-secretary at the Department of the Environment, with special responsibility for the ecology of canals. When John Major became Prime Minister he was transferred as an under-secretary to the Foreign Office, and given responsibility for the negotiation of the epoch-making European Inland Waterways Convention (Utrecht, 1992). He is married with two children, and his wife, a former Miss Romania, 1969, works as his research assistant. His hobbies are real ale and jogging.

So much we can learn from *Who's Who*. Last week I visited Mr Nightshade in the Munich Room at the Foreign Office to discuss the future of world affairs. He started off by assuring me of his absolute loyalty to Mr Major, whom he regards as the best Prime Minister since Bonar Law. He told me that Mr Major is "the sort of brilliant man who can carry this country single handed into the second half of the next century".

He went on to express his unstinted admiration for Sir Norman Fowler and Sir Marcus Fox, whom he described as "the intellectual heavyweights of the modern Conservative Party". I noticed he had dropped what appeared to be jam roly-poly on his familiar club tie, with its broad stripes.

Mr Nightshade then went on to give a *tour d'horizon* of the world scene. He started by discussing relations with the United States. "We used to talk about the 'special relationship', but we never use that phrase nowadays. It's quite out of date, Churchill and Roosevelt, Macmillan and Kennedy, that sort of thing. Of course, there always is a special relationship between Britain and the United States. We speak the same language; they know that the Brits are the allies they can trust when push comes to shove. Mind you, Bill and that sweet lady of his, Hillary, are doing a splendid job. It is time the United States had an efficient health service like ours. Bill's going to walk the next election."

I noted his forecast with interest. Mr Nightshade went on to speak of Europe. "Of course, I'm a good European, have been ever since the good old Ted Heath days. Mind you, I'm not a Euro-fanatic. I suppose I travel on the same train as Hugh Dykes, but he goes on to Paddington while I get off at Slough. The Conservatives are the European Party, always have been. We have two great principles. The first is that we must be at the heart of Europe: that's the only place for Britain to be." He pointed to the large-scale map of Europe on the wall, which has remained unchanged since the days of Horace Wilson, and jabbed his forefinger at Cologne. "That's where Britain has always stood," he observed triumphantly.

"Our second principle is that we put Britain first. There's nothing about being a good European that does not mean that one should not put the interests of Britain first, last and all the time. So the Conservatives are the British party of Europe and the European party of Britain. You cannot trust the Labour Party to do that. As John said in the House, John Smith is Monsieur Oui, the poodle of Europe."

I asked Mr Nightshade how he saw the constitutional development of Europe since Maastricht, looking forward to the 1996 talks. He told me: "Germany is the real heart of Europe. They're the biggest and therefore the richest. That means two things. Because Germany is so big and so rich, the rest of Europe must do exactly what Germany wants. And at the same time we must jolly well see to it that we keep the Germans in their place, otherwise heaven knows what they would be up to.

"That," he went on, "is why we signed the Treaty of Maastricht. Maastricht turned the European Community into the European Union. That makes Europe a level playing field. Except that the playing field isn't level for us. We got our opt-outs and subsidiarity, so it's pretty level for the rest of them, but rather more downhill for us. That's the beauty of our policy, which poor Bill Cash could never understand. We believe in a totally independent Britain in a totally federal Europe." He paused dramatically, and wrinkled his eyes to look shrewd, in a way he had copied from Lord Whitelaw. "That's why we shall do so well in the European elections," he said.

"How do you see the relationship between France and Germany?" I asked. He put his finger to his nose, and gave me an exaggerated stage wink, rather in the manner of Benny Hill. "I am glad you asked me that," he said. "The Franco-German relationship is very useful to us, because the French are much cleverer than the Germans and put it across them every time. They persuade the Germans that they're spending their money on the future of Europe, and it all goes to subsidise snail farmers in Provence. We like that because it means that the Germans think they are running Europe, but the French really are. A very clever fellow, Monsieur Frog. Of course we do everything we can to break up the relationship because we don't really want Europe to be run by the French. Simply don't trust them — never have." He added his view of the European exchange-rate mechanism. "It was an act of statesmanship to go in: it was a diplomatic triumph to get out at a cost of only £10 billion. We have no intention of ever joining again, but I believe the ERM was a splendid way of creating economic stability."

I was much impressed by Mr Nightshade's grasp of European policy. I tested him on a number of other issues. The Zulus — "Will just have to accept the great spiritual revolution of South Africa"; the Serbs — "Can't wait to make peace"; the Bosnians — "Would only kill Serbs if you let them buy arms"; Zhirinovsky — "Just a joke figure"; Arafat — "A good man to go tiger-shooting with". I even took him on to other financial issues. "It stands to reason. When there's recession, the Budget deficit rises; when the deficit rises you have to put up taxes. So when there's a recession you have to put up taxes. Anyway Labour would have put them up higher."

I left feeling reassured that our nation is in such safe hands, that we are governed by men who have so clearly appraised events, and know what they are doing. Dudley Nightshade seems to be a typically far-sighted Conservative leader of the middle-aged Cambridge group. He has got all his contradictions in good order. I have a feeling that he may be promoted in the next reshuffle; he is a true figure of our times.

Could Smith coast to defeat?

Labour is far too confident of success, says

Peter Riddell



Labour is doing too well for its own good. The party is riding high in the polls and should be the undisputed winner of the local and European elections. But that is a trap as much as an opportunity, encouraging complacency and inaction. To the horror of some members of the Shadow Cabinet, many Labour MPs and union leaders are already saying: "We are bound to win the next election, so don't rock the boat with unnecessary arguments or controversial policies. Bash the Tories and play safe." Or, as one senior MP remarked, only half-jokingly, after one of my columns: "Why do you say we need policies? They're only trouble."

The easy, though deceptive, option of "one more heave" is gaining ground. That approach is flawed, both as an electoral strategy and as a way of preparing for government. It goes back to why Labour lost the last election. Some MPs talk as if the Tories won just because they misled voters over the economy and taxes. But Labour lost because the public still had doubts about its ability to govern. Neil Kinnock's efforts to update Labour's structure and policies did not go far enough. If it is to win, the party needs to show it has changed itself even more.

The disarray of the Tories has made life too easy for Labour. Party leaders can concentrate on attacking the Government — at that John Smith is very skilled — and watch ministers trip themselves up. This approach will appear to be vindicated in the polls of May 5 and June 9. My hunch, however, is that these results will primarily reflect the unpopularity of the Tories rather than any upsurge of enthusiasm for Labour. The successes may not have deep roots.

We have been here before. For much of 1990, Labour's poll ratings were higher than now, and it won several by-elections. Yet within two years the Tories had won the general election. The Liberal Democrats are also stronger now than in 1990. Their current advance in the South West is primarily a threat to the Tories, and need not prevent Labour from achieving the gains it needs in the South East. But it means that Labour's prospects are more linked to the Liberal Democrats than Labour leaders often pretend.

Moreover, however badly the Tories do in the elections, their fortunes should start improving before long. According to MORI, their rating has been stuck at 28 to 29 per cent for nearly a year. There are already tentative signs that people's confidence about their own wellbeing, as opposed to the general state of the economy, has started to revive. Some Tory strategists believe this should boost ratings above 30 per cent in six months, whoever is leading the party. A change of leader, however, tends to give a boost to the party concerned in the short term, as happened to the Tories after Mr Major became Prime Minister in November 1990, and to Labour after October 1983 and July 1992, following the elections of Mr Kinnock and Mr Smith.

So Labour could find its poll lead falling later this year, perhaps sharply if there is a Heseltine boomlet. The private fear of some Labour modernisers is that the party is not prepared for a Tory recovery. Labour support could be soft, since the party does not have a distinctive profile. That is partly because of its understandable desire to avoid past errors of making detailed commitments too early, notably with pledges on child benefits and pensions. Gordon Brown has tried to change Labour's tax-and-spend image by repeatedly saying that the party will spend only what the country can afford. That ties in with claims that Labour local councils cost less and provide better services. However, not only will it take a long time to convince voters that Labour is not the party of high taxation, but it is a negative appeal. Removing voters' doubts may be vital, but this is not a positive reason to back Labour.

Jack Straw has argued that too many policy commitments can be harmful. Pointing to the mammoth 1983 manifesto, the "longest suicide note in history", he says that too many commitments make it harder to convey a sense of direction and to confront the difficult choices faced in government. By contrast, the manifestos of victorious parties, Labour in 1945 and the Tories in 1979, have been short, with a few clear themes which voters can understand. Mr Straw has a fair point, though in 1979 the Tories did have some vote-catching proposals such as selling council houses to their occupants.

Labour at present has few such themes. Its message is muffled. The only area where Mr Smith has so far been really convincing is on constitutional reform, capitalising on disenchantment with one party being in office so long. Elsewhere, the prevalent mood of "one more heave" is inhibiting new thinking. One leading spokesman said recently: "Ideas are welcome, but only as long as they are not provocative, and therefore bland."

There are a few exceptions: Tony Blair on law and order, and John Prescott and Mr Brown on private finance for public projects. Even Mr Brown, the most vigorous of the party's policy thinkers, has felt restrained. His new Fabian pamphlet, *Fair is Efficient*, is strong on analysis, has some interesting proposals, but only hints at the often awkward implications for taxes, benefits and macro-economic policy.

In too many cases Labour is still the defender of public-sector unions. As John Willman argued in a recent memorandum for the Social Market Foundation, Labour has been either opposed or lukewarm to many of the market-based reforms in health, education, local government and the Civil Service. Ann Taylor has left Labour in the embarrassing position of appearing to be the mouthpiece for the most reactionary and disruptive teaching unions.

Labour's present approach could, however, work. Two of Mr Major's shrewdest advisers privately believe that Mr Smith is playing his cards correctly: that his timing is right. But Mr Smith needs to start changing his tactics soon. The public may be fed up with the Tories, but it has not even begun to be persuaded that Labour would do a better job. This is not about detailed tax rates: the public is rightly sceptical about such pledges. Rather, Mr Smith needs to offer some hope about what a Labour Britain would be like.

Poetic licence

THE PRINCE of Wales's admission yesterday that he once considered appearing on *The Morecambe and Wise Show* may help to explain the latest recruit to his architectural magazine *Perspectives*. In the second issue, which comes out this week, there appears an article by Barry Humphries, creator of such cultural icons as Dame Edna Everage and Sir Les Patterson.

Humphries recalls his first meeting in the 1960s with one of his greatest fans, Sir John Betjeman. The poet much admired a recording of Humphries's early monologues that he had discovered while in Australia, and invited the comic to lunch in London.

"John dispensed bubbly in pewter tankards with boyish exclamations such as 'I am as rich as Croesus' and 'You are a great genius'," writes Humphries. "After many libations, we all set off down the street to John's favourite restaurant."

There were few people that Betjeman could not stand, dently there were some. "Sir Basil Spence was not a name to mention in John's company if you wanted to cheer him up, and Nikolaus Pevsner was another bug-bear ... Yet another was his tutor at Oxford, C.S. Lewis."

But Betjeman's daughter, Candida Lycett Green, says the poet could speak no ill of Humphries: "They had a mutual fan club. They both worshipped each other." Just as Dame Edna's loveable little possums adore their megastar.



● *Some runners were lucky to have made the start of the NutraSweet London Marathon yesterday, let alone the finish. One contestant got lost in London trying to register for the race on Friday and phoned the organisers asking where he should turn up. "The Barbican," they replied — only to hear from him again two hours later. "I've been all over Barking," he panted. "But still can't find you."*

No smoke

A NEW ornament decorates the home of Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West: a framed portrait of the late reggae singer Bob Marley. Banks won the picture after rolling the most impressive herbal cigarette on a television show, *Naked City*, to be broadcast by Channel 4 later this month.

His 12-inch turnip of a roll-up saw off the two other contestants, Fish from the pop group Marillion and Mr C. from The Shamen. After his victory, Banks said the law on cannabis should be changed: "The vast majority of people who use cannabis are just nice, decent, relaxed people."

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Banks, however, is not one of them. "Although, having won the contest, it's going to be much more difficult to convince people," he says.

Gas mask

AFTER an unsavoury run-in over a broken-down boiler, Lord Falkland, the Liberal Democrat deputy chief whip and avid motorcyclist, says he has decided to drop his title when corresponding with his local gas board. He is now a plain "Mr" for the accounts department.

The decision was made after his central heating packed up this winter and he called the gas board which, he emphasises, normally provides excellent service. "Nothing happened. Then my wife rang and they promised to do their bit." When an engineer did arrive he explained that he and his colleagues didn't like fancy titles. "He said they were told to wear ties and dress properly if they made calls on titled people," says Falkland.

The gas board denies this, arguing that it treats all customers equally. But Falkland remains unimpressed: "I suppose some idiot in management thinks the butler will not let them in if they arrive in overalls. We live in a terraced house in Lambeth."

Devil's work

AS CHATELAINE of Burghley House, her 240-room mansion, and its 8,000-acre estate near Stamford in Lincolnshire, Lady Victoria Leatham has never been one to shirk her duties. But the task she has just set herself would seem, at first, daunting even for one of her organisational calibre. "We are cleaning up hell," she says. "It needs a good scrub."

The hell she refers to, however, is the hall ceiling at Burghley, one of the finest examples of 17th-century ceiling painting in the country; restoration work is expected to cost £130,000 and Lady Victoria is looking for sponsors. "The ceiling is festooned with demons and the mouth of hell is a huge, snarling cat," she says. "Inside are flames and wretches being cast into the pit."

Shell shock

ONE MEMBER of the cast not present last night at the Olivier awards ceremony, where Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia* won best play, was a tortoise which walks across stage in the production. Just as well, probably, for animal rights campaigners would have been out in force.

"People got very concerned about that tortoise," says a spokesman for the National Theatre, where the play was staged. "There were masses of complaints — even though it was a remote-controlled model."



Sproat, centre, in his days as a haring scrum half

Good and bad at games

IAIN SPROAT is clearly talking from the heart when he frets that Britain is in danger of becoming a couch-potato society unless compulsory team games are on the school curriculum. There is evidence that the minister for sport used to play his boots off, even though he never really distinguished himself on the sports field.

Team mates from his days in Oxford as scrum half of the Magdalen College second rugger XV recall that he hared round the pitch with extraordinary enthusiasm. "He was a terrier-like player, very brave and fearless as scrum half, and he was quite fast," recalls a member of the side Sproat captained in the 1960-61 season. "But he was not thought to be all that brilliant. He wasn't terribly skilled, you see, and in those days he was frightfully skinny. As far as I recall, we lost most of our matches."

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THE ERROR CYCLE

Kenneth Clarke must not repeat old mistakes

After the hubris of the Lawson boom, the nemesis of the subsequent recession and the catharsis of the Lamont-Clarke tax increases, it scarcely seems possible that the same sequence of economic mistakes could be repeated. Yet this week the Treasury is expected to announce that last year's public borrowing requirement was marginally less dreadful than officially projected. Even before the figures are published the cry has gone out that the borrowing crisis is over. Some Conservatives are clamouring for pre-election tax cuts, to be announced as early as next November's Budget, while others lobby for an easing of the Treasury's none-too-strict public spending constraints.

The Tories seem to have learnt nothing and forgotten nothing from the recent economic upheavals. A shortfall of a few billion pounds in a public sector borrowing requirement originally projected at £50 billion has not swept away Britain's fiscal problem. The idea is as false as Nigel Lawson's view that his economic miracle was about to pay off the national debt. More dangerous still is the notion that an economic recovery which is proving slightly stronger than expected will make it safe to cut taxes or raise government spending.

The PSBR last year may have come in some 10 per cent below the official forecast, but even that lower figure represents the biggest borrowing ever undertaken by a British government, a larger deficit even than that run by the Labour governments of the 1970s. The task of reducing the deficit to sustainable proportions will remain huge, even if does turn out that the Treasury's Budget projections exaggerated the gloom.

If anything, the need to start repaying some of the national debt as the economy returns to full employment will become even more acute if — and this is still a big "if" — the economic recovery continues to pick up speed. Although Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, has occasionally suggested that he would cut taxes if the recovery proved stronger than expected, both theory and bitter practical experience point the opposite way. As unemployment declines and industries use up their spare capacity, inflationary pressure is bound to intensify. When this happens, laxer fiscal policy with lower taxes and higher public spending will be the last thing the British economy needs. Loosening fiscal policy in the upswing of an economic cycle was precisely the mistake made by Nigel Lawson, Tony Barber and the other Chancellors whose names have been transformed by history into mere adjectives for the word "boom".

This does not mean that Tories must give up their tax-cutting hopes for good. If lower taxes could be financed by sustainable cuts in public spending they would not be inflationary in the short term and would probably increase the economy's long-term rate of growth. Income taxes could also be reduced by increasing indirect taxes — and the headline standard rate of 25 pence, the Tories' main political preoccupation, could be massaged downwards with no loss of revenue by continuing to eat away at personal allowances and mortgage tax relief. Whether such redistributions of the tax burden would prove politically popular is another matter. But for Mr Clarke to relax fiscal policy simply because the economy is growing strongly would be to repeat the worst mistakes of the all too recent past.

A FEDERAL SOUTH AFRICA

Nelson Mandela must not seek to rule from Pretoria

Last week in South Africa hundreds of people died in the course of unceasing political violence; negotiations failed to bear fruit yet again; and the financial rand plunged to its lowest-ever value. With elections less than a fortnight away, there has also been no change in the cast of participants. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi continues to prevaricate, to such an extent that the international mediators — in the country solely at his insistence — returned home within days of their arrival. The battle-hardened Henry Kissinger, not known for his sentimentality, declared himself to be "very, very sad".

There is no doubt that the elections will take place as scheduled. To postpone them now would be a dramatic mistake: such a decision could not sustain the weight of South Africa's expectations. Inevitably, it seems, the new government will be dominated by the African National Congress (ANC). But its leader, Nelson Mandela, will find the journey from rhetoric to reconstruction to be an arduous one: the problems of Natal/KwaZulu will remain. Chief Buthelezi and his Inkatha Freedom Party cannot be wished away.

Although the Chief has few friends left outside South Africa, he remains a significant player within that country. Having enlisted the King of the Zulus, Goodwill Zwelithini, as a potent symbol of support, he has moved his campaign successfully to the fertile turf of atavistic pride and fears. Although dressed up in tribal garb, and motivated by no small degree of personal ambition, his demands are largely legitimate. Mr Mandela must not allow his distaste for the Chief's personality and methods to obscure the merits of a genuinely federal South Africa.

Mr Mandela's most powerful ally — behind the mask that each has worn in the electoral campaign — is President de Klerk. The benefit of this alliance has been the reassurance conveyed to the white bureaucratic and military establishment. But both men share a weakness: they head hegemonic parties, with a historical distaste for devolution. The interim constitution betrays the centralising predilections of both parties. Although significant concessions have been made — particularly on the question of a double ballot in the forthcoming elections — the document remains insufficiently federal.

But the week was not without its positive developments. On Friday, King Goodwill called for an end to killings in Natal/KwaZulu. The importance of this message should not be underestimated. The violence in the benighted Zulu "archipelago" is not tribal in nature: it is between Chief Buthelezi's Zulus and Mr Mandela's Zulus. But the authority of the King transcends party political affiliation. His intervention, however belated, could prove decisive. It is his authority that has led the ANC to woo him, offering him a position "equal to that of Queen Elizabeth in England", in the hope of undermining Chief Buthelezi's support. Mr Mandela, in a wily move that could presage unexpected developments, described King Goodwill as "my leader and my king".

That is a positive sign. Violence in Natal/KwaZulu cannot be prevented by the inundation of that province with soldiers from the South African Defence Force. It can be prevented only by gestures and concessions that flow from a genuinely conciliatory agenda. Mr Mandela must waste no time in promising that the question of provincial autonomy will be addressed seriously after the elections. There must be no triumphalism: South Africa is not a monolithic society and must not be governed as such. The majority of its citizens live a long way from Pretoria. Government "from afar" is a recipe for misrule. The history of Africa testifies to that.

BRITAIN ON STAGE

A great celebration of our living theatre

Some award ceremonies have all the allure of a reheated poached egg. When Buggin's Turn meets the school prizegiving, the mediocre is saluted by the interminable. But last night at the London Palladium there was a true air of celebration and hope.

The British theatre has been through one of the rockiest periods in its modern history. It was hit by the "triple-whammy" that was every thespian's nightmare — falling box-office revenue, diminished public funding and static levels of sponsorship. Yet not only has the first law of the stage — "the show must go on" — been upheld, the shows have often been of extraordinary quality and resourcefulness. Some four centuries after Shakespeare trod the boards, London can still boast the greatest concentration of theatrical talent in the world, notwithstanding the late claims of Broadway. That was the message powerfully conveyed by last night's Laurence Olivier Awards, which *The Times* was proud to support.

Consider, for example, the significance of choosing as the best play Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*, that startling exploration of chaos theory, landscape gardening and five or six other apparently unstageable subjects. It is a tribute, first, to the British dramatist's undimmed powers of invention, since he warded off challenges from a remarkably strong line-up. Even more important, perhaps, it demonstrates that the perennial moans about the "dearth of good new plays" have little basis in reality — not in a season that has produced invigorating new work from such an array of masterly writers as Stoppard, Arthur Miller, Harold Pinter, David Mamet, Caryl Churchill, Tony Kushner and David Hare.

Two other trends were confirmed. National Theatre productions won a lion's share of the awards, which reinforces the sense that the concrete bunker on the South Bank is enjoying a golden era under Richard Eyre's quiet but inspiring leadership. And the awards offered reassurance that a whole new generation of brilliant young British actors and directors — such figures as Fiona Shaw and Mark Rylance (best actress and actor), Stephen Daldry and Declan Donnellan (best directors) — is producing work every bit as compelling as that of their illustrious seniors.

A living theatre must embrace both continuity and change. *The Times*'s own award went to Peter Brook, the theatre director who, in the 44 years since his first West End production, has consistently forced us to look with fresh amazement at dramas we thought we knew so well. And the Globe Theatre is to be renamed after Sir John Gielgud. That happy announcement not only salutes the greatest living English actor; it also paves the way for the "other" Globe — the late Sam Wanamaker's magnificent reconstruction of Shakespeare's own theatre — to be opened without confusion. An awards ceremony that manages to honour Stoppard, Brook, Gielgud and Shakespeare truly does deserve prolonged cheers from the stalls.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Bosnian challenge to our leaders

From Mr Patrick Cormack, MP for Staffordshire South (Conservative), and others

Sir, The suffering of the innocents in Bosnia over the last two years, and the destruction of a sovereign state, is a tragic indictment of the vacillation and indecision of the international community. But what is now at issue is not the future of a devastated nation but the authority of the United Nations, the future of Nato, and the credibility of the countries of the European Union, and of the United States.

Do our leaders really want to allow the celebrations of the achievements of their predecessors half a century ago to be marred by a recognition that they are powerless to halt ethnic cleansing, or the alteration of national boundaries by force, in the very heart of Europe?

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK CORMACK (Chairman, All Party Bosnian Group),
RUSSELL JOHNSTON (Vice-Chairman),
CALUM MACDONALD (Vice-Chairman),
KATE HOEY (Secretary),
House of Commons.
April 17.

Pensions and payouts

From Mr Benjamin Spencer

Sir, I take issue with some of your correspondents (letters, April 6, 12, 13) on the subject of "women who get themselves pregnant" (as Mr Sheldon — April 12 — so delicately put it) in the armed services.

In most careers women are not penalised for having children and it is surely just that they should be compensated now for such discrimination. Is there some strange incompatibility between child-rearing and a military career? The Norwegian army don't appear to think so.

Yours faithfully,
BENJAMIN SPENCER,
New College, Oxford.
April 13.

From Miss E. J. Slessenger

Sir, Yes, Mr Sheldon, there is one excellent reason why the servicewomen should not be required to repay the cost of their training: they were forced out of their jobs unlawfully. If they had not been made to leave the services, we would still be benefiting from their skills.

Yours faithfully,
EMMA SLESSENGER,
52 Richmond Hill, Richmond, Surrey.
April 12.

From Miss Amelie Smith

Sir, The servicewomen who have received compensatory payments for discrimination are not responsible for the stupidity of the Ministry of Defence, neither are they to blame for the inequities of the pension system.

I do wonder if some of your correspondents would have complained quite so loudly if these awards had been made to servicemen.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. SMITH,
3 Field Court, Gray's Inn, WC1.
April 13.

From Mrs J. E. M. Haxton, MBE (Mil)

Sir, I and many of my friends who served as regulars in the army, navy, and air force during and after the Second World War did not get "compensation": we lost our commissions and jobs when we had the temerity to get married.

These present payouts offer women an unfair inducement over men and are thus sexually discriminating as well as being insulting to many whose careers were in the past cut short.

Yours faithfully,
J. HAXTON,
53 Deanhill Avenue,
Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

From Mr Edward Pool, MC

Sir, Another aspect of service pensions which seems inequitable is the system of paying war disability pensions graded by rank. Surely similar disabilities should receive equal payment.

If, however, war disability pensions are to remain graded, junior ranks, who are more likely than their seniors to rely on physical fitness for their employment, should receive the maximum pension and the rest less.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD POOL,
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April 12.

Time to give up?

From Mr David Tang

Sir, Following Dr Scott's letter (April 6; other letters, April 11), I have since tested his converse theory by increasing my daily intake of Havanas from six to eight, but am irritated to report that there has been no discernible improvement on my solving of the *Times* crossword, over which I have laboured for 20 years and always with a cigar in hand — invariably a double corona to cheat for more time.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID TANG,
1112 Jardine House,
Central, Hong Kong.

Comparing death rates from cancer

From Professor Karol Sikora

Sir, You accurately report (April 12) the considerable variation in the death rate of women with breast cancer operated on by different surgeons. There is now good evidence for this phenomenon from several sources. But it is not surgical skill that is in question — it is the organisation and delivery of treatment after surgery.

Breast cancer kills by spreading through the lymphatics and blood stream to vital organs. Halting this spread requires the judicious use of radiotherapy, chemotherapy and hormonal treatments. This needs a team of dedicated professionals: oncologists, cancer nurses, radiographers and physicists.

Britain lags behind the rest of Europe in the organisation of cancer services. Poland, for example, has more oncologists per person than us. Our systems are haphazard, providing some women with a world-class service whilst some would be better served in a Third World country. Surgeons are the key entry point into the system for most cancer patients. Some are part of a well organised cancer service, whilst others are loners who occasionally dabble with the disease.

Cancer will affect one in three of us. At a time when the NHS is being invaded by armies of bean counters to implement a now dated political ideology, we badly need a national cancer plan to ensure the best possible care for everybody who needs it.

Yours faithfully,
KAROL SIKORA,
Department of Clinical Oncology,
Royal Postgraduate Medical School,
Hammersmith Hospital,
Du Cane Road, W12.
April 12.

From Dr Martin McKee and Mr Duncan Hunter

Sir, Some of us have been looking, in considerable detail, at rankings of death rates for individual hospitals. Our research has made it clear that crude figures do not give a realistic picture of what is happening in the hospital because of factors such as differences in severity of patients being treated, random variation because of the small numbers involved and inaccurate or misleading data on which they are based. Only some of these problems can be overcome.

It would be easy to give the appearance of providing high-quality treatment, as measured by death rates, although many of the strategies would not be in the interests of the patients. The simplest way would be to stop admitting anyone with a serious illness, or to discharge patients before they die.

Much can be done to improve the way in which the information is collected, analysed and used. However the interpretation of this information requires considerable skill.

Yours faithfully,
M. McKEE,
DUNCAN HUNTER,
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine,
Keppel Street, WC1.
April 12.

From Mr Vernon Robinson

Sir, Mrs Cheeseman (letter, April 5) asks where specialist treatment for breast cancer is available in the UK. Just as important as treatment from GPs and oncologists is support for patients and relatives.

Breast cancer evokes a particularly stressful emotional response from women. Organisations like Cancerlink and Bacup do valuable support work, but information about them is not always readily available from doctors.

It would be useful if there were a national list of cancer support groups, distributed to every doctor's surgery. My wife, who was diagnosed with the disease last year, was fortunate in her treatment and the support she received; this obviously does not occur in some other parts of the UK.

Yours sincerely,
VERNON ROBINSON
(Director), Andreasen Centre for Wholistic Health,
114 Blinco Grove, Cambridge.
April 6.

From Mr Douglas Scott

Sir, Gwyneth Cheeseman might be encouraged to know that the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund is at present compiling a list of specialist breast cancer units in collaboration with cancer experts which we aim to publish in the summer to ensure better referral for women with a suspicious lump.

As well as the compilation of this list, the charity is launching an initiative in May which aims to further raise awareness of women about breast cancer.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS SCOTT (Chief Executive),
Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund,
Anchor House,
15-19 Britten Street, SW3.
April 8.

Violent videos and artistic freedom

From Ms Sandra Hempel

Sir, I believe that Janet Daley (article, April 14; also letters, April 8, 12) is misrepresenting many of those who are concerned about restricting the sales of violent videos.

Claiming artistic freedom does not mean equating *Child's Play 3* with *King Lear*. It means to argue that we all start out with an equal right to self-expression, whatever our writing talents. No one should have to earn the right to that freedom by passing a test of intellect or ability. A freedom that is not available to the fool and the talentless is no freedom.

If the use of that freedom results in disproportionate harm to others, this becomes a matter for the law. The argument is then about when and how you apply the law, but it has to do with the harm, not the artistic merit.

Yours sincerely,
SANDRA HEMPEL,
68 Palewell Park, SW14.
April 14.

From Miss Julia Hardy

Sir, In reply to the Director General of the British Video Association (letter, April 12), surely a distinction can and should be drawn between films in which glamorised violence and horror are portrayed for their own sake (e.g. *Child's Play 3*) and those in which the violence is an integral part of the plot and where its real-life repercussions are shown in context (e.g., *Schindler's List*).

If film-makers and the industry are unable to draw this distinction perhaps one should conclude that they, too, have become desensitised.

Yours,
JULIA HARDY,
Hardelot, West End Road,
Mortimer, Reading, Berkshire.
April 12.

From Mr J. K. Brennand

Sir, For many years, Mrs Mary Whitehouse has been lambasted and lampooned for making the sort of observations about the possibly harmful effects of video violence for which Professor Elizabeth Newson and her colleagues (report, April 1) are now receiving commendation and credit.

Yours faithfully,
J. K. BRENNAND,
1 Brompton Terrace, Perth.
April 12.

From Mrs Magdalen Goffin

Sir, Absalom Watkin (1787-1861), a Manchester man, wrote as his diary entry for December 1, 1824:

Concluded *Robinson Crusoe*. We have read it aloud in the family. There is too much killing in this book, especially as a book to read to children. My children talk of killing savages quite as a thing of course since they have heard it.

Yours faithfully,
MAGDALEN GOFFIN,
1 Silcocks, Fordcombe,
Nr Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
April 15.

Tories in Europe

From Mr Brendan Donnelly

Sir, Perhaps the Foreign Office should have made it clearer in its booklet on the European elections that the 33 British MEPs who have joined the European People's Party Group in Strasbourg as allied members are and will remain Conservatives. But to conclude from this drafting lapse, as did your correspondent, Miss Beryl Goldsmith (April 11), that Conservative candidates should "whistle for their votes" in this year's European elections is astonishing.

Like all prospective Conservative candidates I shall be standing on an exclusively Conservative platform and an exclusively Conservative manifesto. To suggest otherwise would be mischievous.

The opinion polls suggest that Conservative candidates will be facing an uphill struggle in June's elections. The last thing we need now is disunity tendentiously fomented within our own ranks.

Yours faithfully,
BRENDAN DONNELLY
(Prospective Conservative candidate, Sussex South and Crawley),
61 Leopold Road, N2.
April 14.

Taking counsel

From Mr Michael Silverleaf

Sir, Mr Colin White (letter, April 14) has sat in as a pupil arbitrator in several cases in which "without exception" the parties have been represented by counsel. As a result of this experience he "can confidently inform" Bernard Levin that such representation is in danger of distorting commercial arbitration.

The experience from which Mr White draws this confident conclusion lacks one essential ingredient known to all experimental scientists: a control. Without a control it is impossible to make comparisons. Mr White has seen no arbitrations in which the parties were not represented by counsel. How, therefore, can he know that the presence of counsel caused the effect he observed?

His letter demonstrates the danger of drawing conclusions without having listened to arguments presented by experienced advocates. This appears to provide support for representation by counsel.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SILVERLEAF,
11 South Square,
Gray's Inn, WC1.
April 14.

Value of sport to pupils in schools

From Mrs R. E. Seed

Sir, While I fully agree that participation in team games should be available to all secondary pupils, I find the proposals of Mr Iain Sproat, the minister for sport, as reported (April 8; also letters, April 12), both sexist and simplistic. It is clear to me from media reports that "team games" means primarily boys' games.

A TV news report on the topic featured five groups of pupils, all of them male. Your own report refers to the minister's desire to get back to "the old-fashioned *master*" (my italics) while Simon Barnes in his article of the same day focuses on Arnold and Rugby School. The "national teams" which are seen as needing new inspiration are not those of netball or women's hockey.

As for the idea that the problems can all be solved by forcing unenthusiastic staff to spend time away from their own specialities coaching teams outside school hours, this is nonsense.

Surely the most important matter is to ensure that the PE content of the normal school curriculum is well taught, by specialists, in a way that will encourage keenness and participation on the part of all pupils. Extra-curricular sport is a separate issue, and one in which compulsion, of staff or pupils, has no place.

Yours faithfully,
R. E. SEED,
5 Empress Avenue, Fulwood,
Preston, Lancashire.
April 8.

From Mr John James

Sir, The minister for sport and plenty of others need to be reminded that team games in schools grew out of an exercise in simple economics: they were (and still are) a device to occupy the largest number of pupils with the minimum of supervision for the longest period of time.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN JAMES,
Oak Cottage, Westonbirt,
Tetbury, Gloucestershire.
April 9.

From Mr Alan Matthews

Sir, Your report on school sport misinterpreted the contractual obligations of teachers. It treated the 1,265 hours to be worked in 195 days as a maximum, when they are in fact a bare minimum, under the conditions of employment laid down in 1987.

Marking and preparation can be at the beginning or the end of the school day, in the evening, at weekends or in the "holidays", but they must be done. I do not regard this as working in my "spare time". Basically the job of teaching takes as long as it takes.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN MATTHEWS,
15 Sylvan Avenue,
Pennsylvania, Exeter, Devon.
April 8.

From Mr W. O. F. Patterson

Sir, During the late Fifties and early Sixties six boys of King Edward VI Grammar School, Morpeth (with 300 to 400 boys), represented England at "18 group" level at rugby football, two others reached the final England trial at that level and two represented England at under-15 group level.

Games were compulsory. House and inter-school matches were played almost every Wednesday and Saturday throughout the season, supervised voluntarily by school staff.

Such an achievement would be well-nigh impossible under the present organisation of state education and with the "hourly rate" mentality of the National Union of Teachers.

We have compulsory maths; why not compulsory games? Are any of us worse off by sometimes having to do something we do not particularly want to do?

Yours sincerely,
W. O. F. PATTERSON
(Games Master, King Edward VI School, 1955-68),
29 West Acres,
Alnwick, Northumberland.
April 14.

From Mr Eric Dehn

Sir, It is right to ask schools to give greater emphasis to coaching and participation in sport but it will be a ludicrous educational policy and one doomed to failure if all teachers, regardless of talents, physique or inclination, are dragooned into supervising netball or umpiring cricket.

There is one good educational reason why specialised sporting prowess has diminished: sixth-formers in many schools can now make their own choice from a wider variety. The programme of sports on offer can include tennis, golf, squash, fencing, etc.

Perhaps the voluntary aspect is carried too far. I said to a 16-year-old: "What are you choosing to do this afternoon?" "Bicycling," he replied. "Good. Where are you going?" "Home".

Yours sincerely,
ERIC DEHN,
5 Trelawney Road,
Bristol, Avon.
April 13.

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COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Dinner in aid of the Haddo House Choral and Operatic Society, held at Haddo House, Aberdeen.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse).

Mrs Charles Vyvyan was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 16: The Duchess of Kent, President, the Women's Royal Army Corps Association, this morning attended a Service of Thanksgiving, Guildford Cathedral, Guildford, Surrey and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 17: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this morning reviewed a Parade of the Yeomanry in Windsor Great Park to mark the Year of the Yeomanry.

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, drove to Poets' Lawn, was received by the Colonel Commandant (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison) and was received with a Royal Salute.

The Queen was graciously pleased to address the Parade and the Colonel Commandant replied.

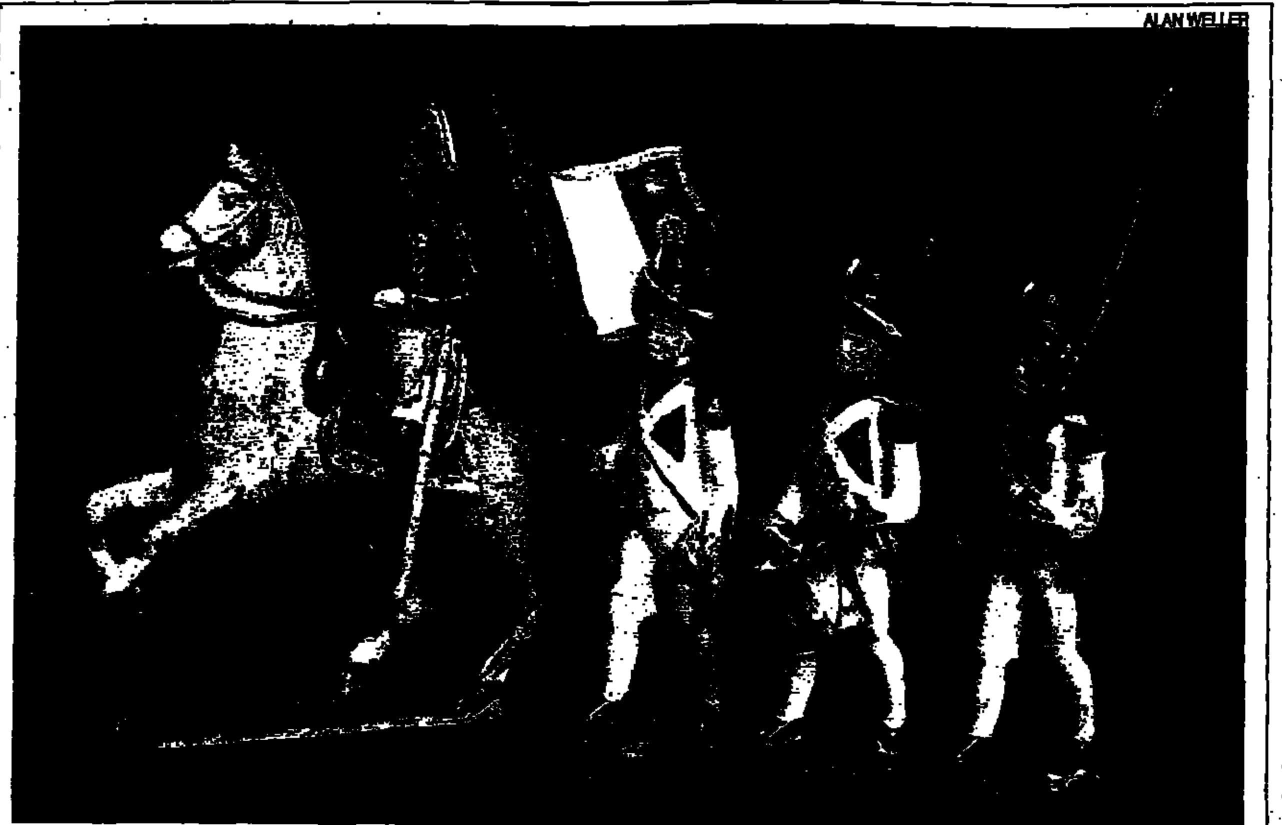
Her Majesty and His Royal Highness afterwards met the Honorary Colonels of the Yeomanry Regiments and members and former members of the Regiments and their families.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was also present. The Hon Mary Morrison, The Hon Mrs Rhodes, Major General Sir Simon Cooper, Sir Kenneth Scott, Captain Sir Alastair Aird and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon attended the Derbyshire Lieutenancy Service in St Mary's Church, Ilkeston, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Colonel Sir Peter Hilton).

Captain Edward Bearcroft was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, Colonel John Timmins (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater Manchester) was present at Manchester Airport this morning upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Ireland and Mr Robinson and welcomed Her Excellency and Mr Robinson on behalf of Her Majesty.



ALAN WELLER

Some 2,200 lead figures, including these Napoleonic troops, will go on sale tomorrow as the biggest collection of French toy soldiers to be auctioned in London (John Vincent writes). The collection, including horses and guns, represents the Napoleonic, 3rd Republic and First World War eras and was put together by a Belgian enthusiast between 1890 and 1920. Most are the work of CBG Mignot, France's leading toy soldier manufacturers, with some rare 1860-1900 models by Lucotte. The soldiers will be sold in two parts, the first auction tomorrow and the second on June 28. Total estimate is £30,000-£50,000. James Opie, toy soldier expert at the auctioneers Phillips, claimed the models represented the best collection of toy soldiers to come to a British saleroom.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will open the 11th World Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists at the Albert Hall at 10.40.

Princess Margaret, as president, will attend the annual meeting of the Scottish Children's League and the council meeting of the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children at Haddo House, Aberdeen, at 11.55.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support), will attend the launch of the video *Sudden Death; Words can't describe how you feel* at the Moathouse Hotel, Drury Lane, at 10.10.

Mr Robert N. Thomson

A Memorial Service and Thanksgiving for the life of Mr Robert Norman Thomson, Executive Director of the Royal Society of Medicine from 1982-1993, will be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, May 10, 1994, at St Mary's Church on Paddington Green, W2. A reception will be held afterwards at the Royal Society of Medicine. Donations, if wished, to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Reception

HM Government

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Minister for Education and Housing at the Scottish Office, was host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night in Edinburgh Castle to mark the Edinburgh International Science Festival.

Marine Society

The 222nd Annual Court of The Marine Society will be held at 11.45 on Wednesday, May 18, 1994, at The Royal Pharmaceutical Society, Lambeth, when Dr E.B. Smith, MA, DSc, FRSC, Principal, University of Wales College of Cardiff, will give the address.

Birthdays today

Dr C. Booth, Vice-Chancellor, Oxford Brookes University, 51; Sir Walter Clegg, former MP, 74; Sir Roger de Grey, former president, Royal Academy, 76; Mr Alan Devereux, former chairman, Scottish Tourist Board, 61; the Marquess of Donegall, 78; Mr Nick Farr-Jones, rugby player, 32; Miss Sylvia Fisher, soprano, 84; Mr Brian Fuller, commandant, Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, 58; Mr David Gee, former director, Friends of the Earth, 47; Sir Peter Hordern, MP, 65; Mr Peter Jeffrey, actor, 65; Mr Christopher Lawrence, managing director, London Philharmonic Orchestra, 44; Lord Mason of Barnsley, 70; Miss Hayley Mills, actress, 48; the Rev Dominic Milroy, OSB, former headmaster, Ampleforth College, 62; Baroness Platt of Writtle, 71; the Right Rev Dr E.J.K. Roberts, former Bishop of Ely, 86; Mr Ian Taylor, MP, 49; Sir Teddy Taylor, MP, 57; Sir Edgar Unsworth, former Chief Justice of Gibraltar, 88.

Dinner

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were hosts at a dinner held yesterday evening in honour of the Grand Order of Water Rats and British Youth Opera. The guests were:

Mr and Mrs Ivor Arbiter, Mr and Mrs Ashley Brodin, Mr and Mrs Raymond Curtis, Mr Raphael Djanogly, Mr and Mrs Anthony Harris, Miss Lyndsay Harrison, Mr Davy Kaye, Mr Bradley Lewis, Mr Brandon Lewis, Mr and Mrs Jack Lewis, Mr and Mrs David Lodge, Mrs James Marshall, Miss Vicki Michelle, Miss Justine Rappolt, Mr and Mrs John Ratcliff, Miss Carmen Silvera, Mr and Mrs Jimmy Tarbuck, Mr and Mrs Bert Weedon, Mr and Mrs Denis Coe, Dr and Mrs Neville Davis, Mr Timothy Dean, Sir John and Lady Dellow, Mr and Mrs Guy East, Sir John and Lady Egan, Mr John Illsley, Mr Christopher Joll, Mr Rory Keegan, Miss Mary-Ann Lescher, Miss Miranda Lescher, Mr and Mrs Rupert Lescher, Mr and Mrs David Lipscomb, Miss Cherie Lunghi, Mrs Mary Ann Lutyens, Professor Angus McGrouther, Miss Angela Rippon, Sir John and Lady Smith, Miss Prue Waterhouse, Miss Zoe Whitten, Mr and Mrs Stephen Zimmerman, Mr and Mrs Antony Mallaby, Mr and Mrs Bill Thompson and Mr Mark Adams.

School announcements

Aiglon College
Term begins on April 19. School guardians are Carlotta Calleri-Zavanelli and Travis Willis Davis. Mgr Amherdt will conduct a Catholic service of Confirmation on May 28 and Bishop J. Neale an Anglican service of Confirmation on May 22. Parents' Weekend is May 20-22. Sports Day, June 25. Term concludes on July 2, with Graduation and Prize Giving at which the visiting speaker will be HM King Constantine.

Brentwood School (HMC)
The Trinity Term at Brentwood School begins today. The Choral Society will perform at Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday, April 23, at 7.30pm. The Chamber Orchestra performs at the School's Memorial Hall on Tuesday, May 17, at 7.30pm. The Combined Cadet Force Inspection Day will be held on Friday, May 20. Half Term is from Friday, May 27, to Sunday, June 5. The Summer Art Exhibition begins on Friday, June 17. The Brentwood School Summer Fête takes place on Saturday, June 18. There will be a Families Chapel Service at 10.30am on Sunday, June 19. The Combined Cadet Force and Voluntary Service Unit Field Day will be held on Tuesday, June 21. The School Speech Day will be held at the Brentwood Centre, commencing at 3pm on Saturday, June 25, when the Guest of Honour will be The Lord Parkinson, of Carnforth. The preacher for the Commemoration Service at 11am on the same day will be the Rev Canon Anthony Phillips, Headmaster of The King's School, Canterbury. There will be a Promenade Concert to finalise the day's proceedings at the Courage Hall at 7pm. The term ends on Friday, July 1.

Marlborough College
The Summer Term at Marlborough College begins today. Mr D.S. Williamson takes up his appointment as Bursar of the College. Imran Tayabali (Littlefield) becomes Senior Prefect. Andrew Gough (Cl) is Captain of School. The Junior Scholarship Examination will take place between May 2 and May 4. The Rugby Match will be at Rugby on June 29 and 30. Exeat is from May 27 to June 1. Prize Day and Commemoration is Saturday, July 2, when term ends.

Moira House, Eastbourne
Summer Term at Moira House begins today and ends on Saturday, July 2. Jemma Greig (formerly of Moira House Junior School) and Jayne Hewitt (formerly of Moira House Junior School) have been elected the new School Knights. Elected as the new school Standard Bearers are Gillian Adcock (formerly of Bradbury Junior School, Hong Kong), Elizabeth Alexander (formerly of St Bede's School, Eastbourne), Claire Ball (formerly of Duke of Kent School), Katie Bennett (Moira House Junior School), Helen Bell (formerly of Pevensey & Westham CP School), Eleanor Howden (formerly Meads C of E School, Eastbourne), Emma Macdonald (formerly of Ocklynge Junior School, Eastbourne), Nicola Price (formerly of Ocklynge Junior School), and Angela Smalley (formerly of Ocklynge Junior School). The Middle School Play, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, is on May 20 and 21. The school will once again provide the Ball Girls in the Volkswagen Tennis Championships at Devonshire Park from June 11 to 18. Founders' Day is on Saturday, June 25, when the guest speaker will be Miss Elizabeth Llewellyn-Smith, CB, MA, Principal of St Hilda's College, Oxford.

Oakham School
Summer Term at Oakham School begins today. The Leavers' Service will be held on Saturday, May 28. The School's contributions to the Oakham Festival, June 24-July 2, will include a concert of Russian music by the Orchestra and the play *Little Shop of Horrors*. Speech Day is on July 2 and the Guest of Honour wil be Mr Geoffrey Deare, Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary. Old Oakhamian Day is Sunday, June 5.

Pipers Corner School, High Wycombe
The Summer term begins today at Pipers Corner School, Great Kingshill, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, with 360 pupils. Nine scholarships have been awarded for Sixth Form studies this coming Autumn, 1994. Sports Day takes place on June 24. The Performing Arts *Twenties Evening* Entertainment will be held on June 29, at 7.30pm. Mrs Lilian Bennett, Chairman of Manpower Plc, is the guest of honour on Parents' Day on Saturday, July 9.

Reigate Grammar School
The Summer Term begins today. There will be a Reception on Monday, April 25 to launch the School's Development Programme and work on the new Art and Technology Centre will start in July. The production of *Journey's End* by R.C. Sherriff will open on Thursday, May 19. The Athletic Sports will take place at Hartswood on Saturday, July 9 and the Commemoration Service will be on Wednesday, July 13. Term will end on Friday, July 15, when Mr R.H. Bligh, Mr A.G. Scrase and Mr M.G. Bullen will be retiring.

Repton School
Summer Term begins today and Commemoration and Speech Day will be on Saturday, May 28. The guest of honour will be Mr Michael McCrum, Master of Corpus Christi College, and the Commemoration Sermon will be delivered by the Right Rev Thomas Butler, Bishop of Leicester.

Royal Grammar School, Guildford
Trinity term at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford begins today and ends on July 13. Damien Honey is captain of cricket; the match between the Headmaster's XI and an Old Guildfordian XI will take place on July 3. The summer Fête will be held on June 25 and the Athletics Sports on June 30.

St Bede's Co-educational Preparatory School, Eastbourne
Term started yesterday for Boarders and today for Day Pupils. The Main School Scholarships and Bursary Examinations will take place on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 (further details may be obtained from the Headmaster's Secretary) 0323 734222. A Disco will be held on Friday, May 27 at the School in aid of the Save the Children Fund's 75th Anniversary Celebrations. *A Mid Summer Night's Dream* will be performed on June 24, 25 and 26 and a Gala Dinner will be held on June 25 in aid of the Globe Theatre with a guest Shakespearean Actor. The Musical will take place on June 28, June 30 and Friday, July 1. Term ends on Saturday, July 2 with Sports Day/Prize Giving at Whitbread Hollow.

St James's and The Abbey, West Malvern, Worcestershire
The Summer Term begins today and ends with Commemoration on July 1 when the Prizes will be presented by Mrs Marjorie Scardino, Chief Executive of *The Economist*. The Commemoration Ball is being held at School on Saturday, June 25. Old Girls wishing to attend should apply to School for details. Old Girls' Day will be at School on Saturday, September 17.

Wrekin College
The Summer Term at Wrekin College starts today. The Confirmation Service will be conducted by the Right Rev Ronald Bowlby on Sunday, May 1 and the MCC match will take place on May 4. The school will host the BBC *Antiques Roadshow* on May 19 and the Summer Ball will be on May 27. The Summer Concert will be held on May 29 and term ends with Speech Day on July 2, at which the guest speaker will be Miss Naomi Goldsmith, BBC Political Correspondent.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Louis-Adolphe Thiers, 1st President of the Third Republic of France 1871-73, Marseilles, 1797; George H. Lewes, philosopher, dramatist and scientist, London, 1817; Anthero de Quental, poet, Azores, 1842; Leopold Stokowski, conductor, London, 1882.

DEATHS: John Leland, antiquary, London, 1552; John Foxe, martyrologist, London, 1587; Erasmus Darwin, physician and poet, Derby, 1802; Sir Robert Smirke, architect, Cheltenham, 1867; Ottorino Respighi, composer, Rome, 1936; H.A.L. Fisher, historian, London, 1940; Sir John Ambrose Fleming, electrical engineer, Sidmouth, 1945; Albert Einstein, physicist, Nobel laureate 1921, Princeton, New Jersey, 1955; Ben Hecht, novelist and film writer, New York, 1964.

American patriot Paul Revere rode from Charleston to Lexington to warn of the British advance, 1775.

The remains of Dr Livingstone were interred in Westminster Abbey, 1874.

Marriages

Mr A.D. Pease and Miss L.K.H. Regis
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Helen's Church, Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, of Mr David Pease, youngest son of Mr and the Hon Mrs D.A. Pease, of Ashill, Somerset, to Miss Lucilla Regis, daughter of the late Mr T.H. Regis and of Mrs T.H. Regis, of Wheathampstead. The Rev Tom Purchas officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Thomas Regis, was attended by Victoria Pease, Daisy Fox, Gabriella Regis, Lucy Saunders, Geraud Verstraeten and Jack Lambert. Mr Alain Verstraeten was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Africa.

Mr R.D.C. Dunbar and Miss S.M. Brooks
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Lawrence's Church, Alton, Hampshire, of Mr Robert Dunbar, son of Sir Drummond and Lady Dunbar, of Jersey, and Miss Sarah Brooks, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Brooks, of Hattingley, Hampshire. The Rev Robert Gussman officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Victoria Keegan, Katie Keegan, Robert Keegan, Thomas Keegan, Freddie Porritt and William Berrill. The Hon Paul Chetwynd-Talbot was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A.J. Daunt and Miss K.M. Steward
The marriage took place on Saturday in Haileybury College Chapel, Hertford, of Mr James Daunt, son of Sir Timothy and Lady Daunt, of London, to Miss Katy Steward, youngest daughter of the late Rev Alan Steward and of Mrs Rosemary Steward, of Hertford Heath, Hertfordshire. The Rev R. Ballard officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Dr Adam de Belder, was attended by Emma Puccioni and Mary-Rose Lomas. Mr Brett Wolstencroft was best man.

A reception was held at Haileybury College and the honeymoon will be spent in Ethiopia.

Mr K. Bryant and Miss K.M. Morrogh Bernard
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Anthony and St George, Duncton, West Sussex, of Mr Keith Bryant, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Bryant, of Borden, Kent, to Miss Katherine Morrogh Bernard, daughter of the late Major John Morrogh Bernard and of Lady Blewitt, and stepdaughter of Major Sir Shane Blewitt, of Duncton. Canon Francis Collins officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, was attended by Alice and Edmund French, Emerald Maxwell and William Dickinson. Mr Damian Brasington was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr D. Naish and Miss H. Manners
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 16, at St Laurence's Church, Petersfield, Hampshire, between Mr Dennis Naish and Miss Henrietta Manners. The Very Rev Monsignor Cyril Murtagh officiated, assisted by Dom Simon Trafford, OSB, and the Rev Douglas Bean.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr Sherban Cantacuzino, was attended by Miss Imelda Trafford, Miss Blanche Girouard, Rosie and Imogen Putler, Lizzie Riley, Sherard Manners, Henry and Mary Manners, Alice and Georgie Rowell, Phoebe and Flora Levy, James and Olivia Prentice, Mary Galloway, Victoria Coleman and Alexandra and Jessica Grainger. Mr Andrew Putler was best man.

A reception was held at Riplington Farm, East Meon. The honeymoon will be spent in France.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.R.D. Anton and Miss S.L. Tams
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Anton, of Bewdley, Worcestershire, and Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Tams, of Stone, Staffordshire.

Mr D.G. Bartholomew and Miss J.G. Rickards
The engagement is announced between David, second son of Mr and Mrs John Bartholomew, of Calgary, Isle of Mull, and Joanna, eldest daughter of the late Mr John Rickards and of Mrs John Rickards, of Clapham, London.

Mr J.C. Brouwer and Miss L.S. Granger
The engagement is announced between Joop, younger son of Mrs Brouwer-Timmermans, of Veenwouden, Holland, and Lucy, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs D.E. Granger, of Stromboli, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.

Mr S.M. Duffield and Miss J.H. Musson
The engagement is announced between Sean Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Duffield, of Leominster, Herefordshire, and Joanna Helen, daughter of the late Mr John Musson and of Mrs Musson, of Lindfield, West Sussex.

Mr J.F.B. Grayston and Miss A.N. Hobson
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Francis J. Grayston, of London, SW1, and Alison, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Hobson, of Arnside, Cumbria.

Mr A.P. Lampier and Miss E.J. Turner
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Latest wills

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FOSTER - On April 11th at the Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, to Asha and Oliver, a son, Frederick Alexander Fabius.

STOTT - On April 4th 1994 in Edinburgh, to Maki (née Atsukawa) and Richard, a son, Hugo Tomoki.

DEATHS

CARTY - Michael Alan aged 61 on Monday 11th April 1994. Always loved. Cremation at Beckenham Crematorium on Wednesday 20th April 1994 at 1 pm. Flowers to Francis Chappell & Sons, 231 High Street, Bromley, Kent.

COOK - Max, on April 14th 1994, at the Fletcher Hospital, Cromer, Husband of Phyl, father of Anthony, Jonathan and Joanna, Grandfather of Joanna, Isabel, Alice and Christopher. Funeral Service at St Faith's Crematorium on Wednesday April 20th at 4.00 pm. All enquiries to Gordon Barber Funeral Directors. Tel: 0603 484308.

DYE - On April 15th 1994 suddenly but peacefully, Mariette, aged 69. Dearly beloved wife of Leonard, mother of Jillian, Jacqueline and Juliet, grandmother of Clare. Funeral Service, family only, at Hendon Cemetery on Friday April 22nd at 10.30 am followed by Memorial Service for family and friends, 12.30pm at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC1. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Baptist Missionary Society or the British Diabetics Association.

ELLIS. On 15th April 1994, peacefully at the Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath. David (Tim) aged 73. Much loved husband of the late Geraldine, father of David, Vivien and Clive and Grandfather of Michael, Jonathan and Lucy. Funeral Service at St Wilfrids Church, Haywards Heath on Friday 22nd April at 2pm. Family flowers only but donations welcome to Princess Royal Hospital League of Friends c/o Masters & Son, 4 Denmans Lane, Lindfield, West Sussex RH16 2LB.

EMESON - Kenneth Robert, peacefully, on 13th April 1994, aged 85. Funeral 12 noon, Friday 22nd April, St Andrew's Church, East Chesterton, Cambridge. Flowers family only, if desired, donations payable to Marie Curie Foundation, direct, or to Cambridge Funeral Services, 617 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8PA. tel: (0223) 415255.

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MEDCALF - On April 15th, 1994, at Marlow after a short illness, Bob, aged 87 years. Much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Family burial, no flowers please.

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PRICE - Guy Warwick Brinton. Suddenly at home on Saturday April 9th 1994. Funeral: West Herts Crematorium, Garston, on Tuesday April 19th at 12.30pm.

SEEMAN - On April 16th 1994, peacefully at The Cornmill Nursing Home, Garstang. Richard Neville, aged 82. Father of Tessa and grandfather of David and James. Cremation at Lancaster Crematorium, 11 am on Wednesday April 20th. A Memorial Service will be held in the south and ashes will be interred at Dunbar on dates to be notified. Donations, if desired, to "CRUSE" Wesley Memorial Hall, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford OX1 2DH.

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WATSON - John Keith, on 9th April. Well known artist, dearly loved husband of Beverley and precious father of Lois and John. Funeral on 18th April. Family only. Donations to Cancer Research if desired.

WEBB - On April 14th peacefully at his home at Hudnall Common, George Henry. Dear father of Cherry and Jackie. Funeral Service on Monday April 25th at Little Gaddesden Church at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Ex Services Mental Welfare Society, or International League For Protection of Horses, c/o Malcolm Jones & Metcalfe, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted, Hert HP4 1AH. Tel 0442 864548.

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OBITUARIES

RALPH ELLISON

Ralph Ellison, author of the novel *Invisible Man*, died in New York on April 16 aged 80. He was born in Oklahoma City on March 1, 1914.



RECOGNISED as a classic in its own time, *Invisible Man* (1952) won the American National Book Award for Ralph Ellison in the year following its publication and established him for all time as one of the major figures of 20th-century fiction. A vast and complex novel, replete with symbolic patterns and allusions, it might stand as an account of the story of the black man in the United States. But it is, in fact, the first negro novel to transcend its genre. It rises above its ostensible subject — the plight of a black Candide adrift on the hostile seas of modern America — to become a universal paradigm of man's bemusement at the world he has created for himself. Its affinities are with Kafka, Joyce, Cervantes, even, rather than with the work of black American writers like James Baldwin.

Ralph Waldo Ellison was born in Oklahoma City. His father, Lewis Ellison, a construction worker, died when he was only three. His mother, Ida, worked as a domestic help in white households in order to support herself and her son. It was the discarded gramophone records and magazines which she brought back home that first interested Ellison in books and jazz music.

One factor in Ellison's much debated refusal to become a polemicist in later life may well have been that there was little serious racism in Oklahoma City — though as a boy he was certainly aware of the phenomenon and, of course, it is the central theme of his novel, though hardly in an overt or political manner. But the ethos of his childhood gave him, at least, no sense of racial inferiority.

As a youth and young man Ellison became an ardent cinemagoer and a friend of local jazz musicians such as Hot Lips Page and Jimmy Rushing; he played the trumpet in his school band. Of this period in his life he later wrote: "I began to look at my own life through the lives of fictional characters. When I read Stendhal, I would search until I began to find patterns of a Stendhalian novel within the negro communities."

At nineteen Ellison entered the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama where for the next three years he studied music. He then went on to New York, where he met the black writers Langston Hughes and Richard Wright (the strongest single influence on him as a writer) and worked on the Federal Writers' Project (part of Roosevelt's New Deal). His stories began to appear in magazines, and he was an editor of *Negro Quarterly* (1942) for a few months. From 1943 until 1945 he served with the United States Merchant Marine. In 1945 he received a Rosenwald fellowship and with the help of this was able to settle down to write *Invisible Man* which was published seven years later.

The nameless protagonist of this extraordinary novel is a black *picaro* who moves in the worlds of the black bourgeoisie of the American South, of the industrial North — and of the radical revolution. Although not political except in the profoundest sense, *Invisible Man* (one of few novels of the 20th century to transcend a debt to Kafka) has probably influenced many more readers, black and white, than have the more polemical writings of James Baldwin or any other black writer of any nationality, save perhaps Franz Fanon.

As a critic wrote: "*Invisible Man* ... announces the prerequisite mindset for liberation ... not the tactics for the struggle." Baldwin and others failed in the first, but essential, part of this task. It is not surprising that a poll of critics conducted by *Book Week* in 1965 found *Invisible Man* the "most distinguished fiction of the postwar period". This was fully 13 years after its appearance. The novel is no more surrealist than Kafka is surrealist; but it certainly illustrated, for the first and only time in American fiction, the "double-consciousness" described by the pioneer W. E. B. Du Bois in 1903, wherein the American negro ever feels "his two-ness — an American, a negro ... two warring ideals in one body". Ellison's tragi-comic protagonist comes to understand that caste is philosophically unjustified when he is, literally, living in a hole in the ground (a device which owed much to a short story by Richard Wright): a truly habitable reality must be an act of imagination, not of intellect — or violence.

Critics who spoke of their "disappointment" at Ellison's refusal to become "committed" to the struggle for civil rights cannot have read his main work properly, for, while it is engaging in universal themes, it does actually show the protagonist in every stereotyped position taken up by the black man in his history. Ellison had already made his contribution to the struggle, although this may have been too profound for those who are happier with greater stridency in such matters.

In Ellison's account the protagonist discovers not who he is, but who he is not.

Shadow and Act (1964), Ellison's second book, a collection of essays about literature, folklore, jazz and various aspects of the author's life, was something of a disappointment. The style of many of the essays tended to be pompous and clumsy. It became clear, for all the promise offered by the brief fragments he published from a second novel "in progress", and for all the competence of the essays, that Ellison was one of those authors who only write a single — but major — book. The essays of *Shadow and Act*, though interesting, were not noticeably the work of the author of *Invisible Man*. Yet no other author, as Irving Howe (who nonetheless criticised Ellison for his refusal to "commit" himself) wrote, "captured so much of the confusion and agony, the hidden gloom and surface gaiety of negro life". *Invisible Man* must be the key document in the as yet unfinished history of negro literature.

Highly regarded by the cultural establishment and never in any sense a maverick, Ellison was a trustee of the John F. Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts, and was on the editorial board of the *American Scholar* (1966-69), as well as being honorary consultant in American Letters to the Library of Congress between 1966 and 1972.

Ellison received the United States Medal of Freedom in 1969. He became a member of the American Institute of Arts and Letters in 1964 and a member of the American Academy in 1975 and taught for a number of years as Albert Schweitzer Professor in the Humanities at New York University.

The one honour which eluded him — one of which he would have been a worthy recipient — was the Nobel Prize for Literature. This has been reliably ascribed to his consistent refusal to write the sort of works of overt radical protest, which would undoubtedly have given his reputation more "political" glamour.

Ellison was a genial and amiable man who lived quietly with his wife in an apartment on Riverside Drive, New York, raising African violets, tinkering with his hi-fi equipment, playing the recorder and experimenting with photography (his main recreation). There are more than 15 uncollected stories, three of them from the 1970s; he published a number of extracts from the "novel-in-progress" which, alas, he never completed. Perhaps the most impressive of these is "And Hickman Arrives" which appeared in the Cleveland periodical *The Noble Savage* in 1960. A second collection of essays, *Going to the Territory*, was published in 1986.

In 1946 Ellison married Fanny McConnell, who survives him. They had no children.

MAJOR-GENERAL PHILIP TILLARD

Major-General Philip Tillard, CBE, former Chief of Staff of the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR), died on April 3 aged 71. He was born on January 2, 1923.



PHIL TILLARD owes his place in military history to the controversial Tillard Report nearly 23 years ago. As a brigadier on the staff of Director of Army Training, he chaired a committee which altered the basis of officer training.

It advocated closing down Mons, the officer cadet school at Aldershot, where short service commission cadets had been trained since the Second World War, and then turned its attentions to Sandhurst. The two-year course for regular commissions, with its emphasis on academic study, was reduced to only one year of largely vocational training. Mathematics and modern languages were among the casualties.

When the recommendations were published in November 1971 they were met by a howl of protest from academics, not least from Sandhurst's own civilian staff. The former director of studies there, Geoffrey Sale, complained acidly in a letter to *The Times* that the changes would condemn non-graduate officers to being semi-educated — "a worthy object of the BBC's caricatures".

But Tillard and his team had been appointed against a background of rising costs and a worsening shortfall in officer recruiting. Despite the criticism from academia, the Army Board pushed through its proposals within four months.

Tillard himself went on to produce a second, less contentious report on setting up the new Royal Armoured Corps (RAC) tank training area at Suffield, Canada, before being promoted major-general and posted to Germany.

There as chief of staff to General Sir Harry Tuzo, C-in-C BAOR, he found himself on the receiving end of an almost equally fundamental shift. This was the Army's attempt to save on precious manpower by abolishing brigades — thus saving a whole level of command. But in this case, the experiment was shortlived. Although the 1st British Corps strove manfully to make it all work, a series of trials in the Rhine Army showed that the new span of command was too wide for divisional staff to manage efficiently.

Tillard himself was to be a "one shot major-general", retiring in 1976 after only one tour. In the following year, he joined the staff of Brighton council as assistant director (outdoors) for tourism and resort services, with responsibility for organising part of the Brighton Festival. At one time he became acting director, before retiring for the second time in 1987.

Born in London, the son of a brigadier, Philip Blencowe Tillard went to Winchester before being commissioned into the 60th Rifles in 1942. He served in Syria, Italy, and Greece during the war, and as ADC to a succession of senior officers, including the army commander in Malaya, just after it.

In 1947, however, after being coaxed by an old friend and wartime colleague, he transferred to the 13/18th Royal Hussars, with whom he spent the rest of his career. He served with them in Libya and in Malaya during the Emergency — where he was mentioned in dispatches in 1950 — before going on to command the regiment between 1964 and 1966. He was their last CO to have fought in the Second World War.

He then commanded the RAC in the 3rd Division in this country before moving to the training directorate in 1970. He became ADC to the Queen in the same year, and was appointed CBE in 1973.

Tillard was an able and determined administrator with a reputation for being brusque and aggressive towards those whose standards did not match his own. He was a fine shot, whose prowess was recognised by the Germans as well as in this country — where he had been chairman of the East Sussex British Field Sports Society since 1988. He had inherited through his mother the 1,500-acre Hooke Estate in Sussex, which had been in the same family for generations, and which was famous for its pheasant shoots. But a shamefaced guest who missed his bird could expect to be sharply rebuked by his weekend host.

Philip Tillard was also, however, a fond family man. His wife, Patricia, died in 1988, and he is survived by their three sons and one daughter.

PROFESSOR J. A. P. CAMERON

J. A. P. Cameron, MBE, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the General Hospital, Singapore, 1952-55, died on March 22 aged 88. He was born on November 22, 1905.



"JAP" CAMERON, as he was widely known, devoted a quarter-of-a-century to a career in the Colonial Medical Service in which he principally gave his energies to promoting medical expertise in Malaya. He assisted in surgical operations on survivors of the sinking of the battleship *Prince of Wales* and on those from the battle-cruiser *Repulse* in December 1941.

He was operating in the Singapore General Hospital during the Japanese invasion right up to the eventual fall of Singapore. The hospital was overrun by Japanese soldiers who indiscriminately wounded and killed patients. As a surgeon, assisted by his wife "Chubby" and other staff, he worked round the clock amputating shattered limbs. Soon after he was interned in Changi Jail where he continued his work as camp surgeon. His wife was fortunate to escape and joined their children who had been evacuated to New Zealand.

The son of a Church of Scotland minister, John Austen Percival Cameron was educated at Fettes College and graduated in medicine from Edinburgh University in 1929. He also played for the university at both rugby and cricket. In 1930 he joined the Malayan Medical Service in Singapore before moving up country as medical officer in Kulim and Alor Star. After a few years he returned to the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh and gained his fellowship in 1936. There followed several posts in surgery in the Federated Malay States before he began the teaching side of his career at the College of Medicine in Singapore.

Shortly before the war he widened his knowledge with visits to centres in Australia and Tasmania, returning to become acting Professor of Anatomy and Surgery at the General Hospital, Singapore. For his work as camp surgeon at Changi Jail during the Japanese occupation, Cameron was subsequently appointed MBE. Immediately after repatriation to Scotland, he started studies in orthopaedics at Oswestry, graduating at Liverpool University in 1947.

An extension of study leave allowed him to attend a special course in artificial limbs at Roehampton, London. On his return to Kuala Lumpur, he was responsible for sending local staff for training at Roehampton which led to the creation of the first, much needed, unit for making artificial limbs. He was also the pioneer of the anterior surgical approach for spinal TB. He was appointed consultant orthopaedic surgeon to the Federation of Malaya.

In 1952 he took up the appointment of Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, and first director of the new Orthopaedic Department, of the General Hospital, Singapore. He was also honorary consultant to the British Army.

Three years later he retired from government service and with great sadness left Singapore. He knew the country well and was known to many — not only through his work but also as a keen player of both rugby and cricket.

On his departure, a leading Singapore newspaper wrote of Cameron: "A pioneer in his humanitarian occupation, his record has been one of rare and unstinting service. Mending the bones of a nation whose very terrain invites every conceivable surgical problem is a mighty challenge to any medical man."

A handsome and rugged figure, the Highlander in him rejoiced in hardship and sacrifice. He was on call at all hours, day and night, ready to operate in a hospital theatre or plunge upon a tiresome trek into the jungle to administer to a sufferer at the end of the journey. He became so well known that his patients often came from the depths of Borneo's jungles to Malaya to beg his services.

From 1955 to 1960 he was Associate Professor of Orthopaedics at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, Canada, before retiring to Liphook in Hampshire. But even there his pioneering spirit remained undaunted. He accepted several temporary posts, relieving surgeons for study leave, in the West Indies during the next five years.

In 1930 he married Margaret E. Paterson ("Chubby"), also a medical graduate from Edinburgh. While in Singapore she built up a large practice as a doctor to the community, gaining particular trust from the Chinese and Malays. She died in 1974. In 1976 he married Elsie Bullock ("Bully"), formerly matron of the General Hospital at the time of the Japanese invasion who had also been interned at Changi. She died in 1979. In 1980 he married a widow, Cicily Best. She survives him, together with a daughter, two sons and a stepson.

DICK CARY

Dick Cary, jazz pianist, trumpeter and arranger, has died in the San Fernando Valley aged 77. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on July 10, 1916.



THE high point in Dick Cary's musical career came in 1947, when he became a founder member of Louis Armstrong's All Stars. "He was a great band piano player, and played all the right stuff," recalled the group's clarinettist, Barney Bigard. "But he was strictly a musician — absolutely no showmanship."

Six months after the band's first engagement at Billy Berg's in Hollywood, Cary left, to be replaced by the inveterate showman, Earl Hines. Cary suggested he had left through boredom with the inflexible programme they played. Bigard suggested "family trouble," but the reality was that Cary was far too inventive and restless a musical talent to be hemmed in to the touring life of a band, however famous.

Richard Durant Cary began his musical life as a violinist, playing with the local symphony orchestra in Hartford, and only gravitating to jazz and the piano in 1941 with Wild Bill Davison. Within a short time he had worked with the Casa Loma Orchestra and Benny Goodman (for whom he wrote arrangements), but his first love was small-group dixieland, and he played with Brad Gowans, Muggsy Spanier and Joe Marsala, before army service during which he took up the alto horn and trumpet.

He played as a trumpeter at Eddie Condon's club, and as a pianist he worked with many of Condon's associates including Max Kaminsky, Jimmy McPartland and Bud Freeman. Freeman wrote arrangements with Cary, whose talents as an arranger were underrated. Another associate, the clarinettist Garvin Bushell, compared his melodic and harmonic imagination to that of the composer and songwriter Willard Robinson. Among Cary's most original settings are two albums for the singer Barbara Lea, which he produced in 1957, including parts for oboe, bassoon, harp and baritone sax for the little group led by Johnny Windhurst.

This type of musical eclecticism was fuelled at about the same time by the experiments of Bobby Hackett's New York band, which played at the Henry Hudson Hotel. For them Cary wrote challenging arrangements, expecting most musicians to follow his own example and double on several instruments.

London audiences had the opportunity to hear Cary often in the late 1970s at the Soho Pizza Express, as well as with reunions of Armstrong alumni. Few who heard Cary in the Soho jazz room will forget his energetic bearded presence at the keyboard, jumping to his feet in mid-performance to take a solo on his specially-built alto trumpet, before returning to the keyboard with a flourish. Cary may have lacked Earl Hines's overt showmanship, but he was a consummate musician.

Nature notes

SUMMER migrants have been arriving in large numbers. Chiffchaffs and willow warblers can be heard singing in adjacent trees while they are still on passage; but the chiffchaffs will settle down for the summer in tall woods, while the willow warblers will nest among birches and other low trees. Blackcaps are spreading steadily throughout the country, and singing vigorously where they take up their territories in woods and gardens. The first swallows are back, twittering as they sweep through the sky.

Little ringed plovers have returned to the stoney shores of gravel pits: some females are already sitting firmly among the pebbles, trying out hollows as possible nesting places. With their outline broken up by their black-and-white headband and collar, they are practically invisible when they are squatting there. Lapwings are already incubating eggs in similar places, but they are more conspicuous, especially when their long crests are being blown about.

Cow parsley plants are growing tall, but the flowers are being held back by the cold winds and clouds. Cowslips are also opening cautiously.

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The chiffchaff

Church news

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Patrick Allen, Vicar, St Nicholas, Plumstead (Southwark): to resign as from May 22.

The Rev Raymond Ashling, Rector, Great Snoring, Little Snoring and Kettlestone (Norwich): to resign as from April 30.

The Rev Allan Bowhill, Rector, Keinton Mandeville w. Lydford on Fosse, Barton St David and Kingsweston (Bath and Wells) to resign as from May 31.

The Rev John Douglas, Curate (NSM), St Mary's and St John's, Bathwick (Bath and Wells): to resign.

The Rev Michael Fountaine, Rector, Holy Trinity, Bath (Bath and Wells): to resign.

The Rev Philip Griffin, Assistant Curate, St James, Milton (Portsmouth): to resign as from May 31.

The Rev Colin Lamsbery, Incumbent, Longton St Mary and St Chad (Lichfield): to resign as from June 30.

The Rev John Turnbridge, Rector, Harpledown (Canterbury): to resign as from April 30.

The Rev Trevor Oldroyd, Vicar, St John w Holy Trinity, Deptford (Southwark): to resign as from June 30.

The Rev Bryan Parry, Vicar, St John the Evangelist, Perry Barr (Birmingham): to resign as from April 3.

The Rev Canon Francis Turner, Vicar, Sittingbourne St Michael (Canterbury): to retire June 30.

The Rev Douglas Watson, Vicar, Headcorn (Canterbury): to retire as from November 30.

The Rev Terence Whatmore, Incumbent, Tipton St John (Lichfield): to resign as from March 31.

The Rev Peter Weatherby, Incumbent, Burslem St Werburgh (Lichfield): to resign as from April 30.

Clergy appointment

The Rev Margi Walker: to be Curate (NSM), at Wells Cathedral (Bath and Wells).

Other appointment

Mr Frank Nealis: to be Diocesan Youth Officer for the Wells Archdeaconry (Bath and Wells).

DEATH OF MADELINE SMITH.

SCOTTISH MURDER TRIAL RECALLED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

GLASGOW, April 17.

The death, reported to have taken place in the United States, of Madeline Smith, recalls one of the most sensational murder trials of the last century. She was charged in 1857 with the murder of her lover, Pierre Emile L'Anglier, by the administration of arsenic. Her trial evoked tremendous interest, the jury's verdict of "Not Proven" being received with the wildest enthusiasm in the Court where Madeline herself was described as the calmest person present.

L'Anglier was a native of Jersey and was employed at a very modest salary by a Glasgow firm. He became infatuated with Madeline, whom he visited clandestinely at her home, first in India street and afterwards in Blythswood-square. Madeline, who became tired of her lover, declined to have anything more to do with him and demanded the return of her letters. L'Anglier refused to return the letters, some of which were found in his room and at his place of business when some time later he died of arsenic poisoning. It was alleged that Madeline Smith administered the arsenic in a cup of coffee handed out to him on a cold night through the half sunk basement window of her home at Blythswood-square.

The trial lasted nine days and aroused controversy throughout Great Britain. One section of the public held that Madeline was innocent, and the defence's strongest position was that no proof could be brought forward as to her having met L'Anglier before any of the three occasions on which he was taken ill. Others were equally convinced of her guilt, while many held the view that she might have committed the murder, but that the victim deserved it.

Following her acquittal, Madeline returned to her father's house near Row on the Gareloch, where she received several letters proposing marriage. Soon afterwards she left Scotland, and some years later it was learned that she was living in London, where she had married a professional man. Her husband was one of the first members of the Social Democratic Club in London, and her identity was known to most of the members.

When well on in years she went to America, and it was only last year that her identity leaked out. Some cinema promoters suggested the exploiting of the story of the crime by the production of a film drama in which Madeline Smith would take the leading role; but she refused. Pressure was brought to bear on her, and a threat made that if she declined to fall in with the suggestion steps would be taken to have her sent back to Britain as an undesirable alien.

As a result of the publicity that ensued, however, more human counsels prevailed, and Madeline was permitted to remain. Her death took place last week.

ON THIS DAY

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Madeline Smith, whose trial for murder in 1857 created a sensation, lived for another 70 years. Some of her passionate letters, which had greatly upset the judge at her trial, were put on display in Glasgow in 1983.

Hard-earned honours

David Tytler celebrates 25 years of the Open University and recalls the early struggles

Educational philosophies of the 1960s are blamed for all the current ills in our schools, with one exception: the Open University, which this month celebrates its twenty-fifth birthday.

Conceived by Harold Wilson in the 1960s during his first Labour Government and introduced by Jenny Lee, the widow of Aneurin Bevan, the OU is now universally accepted as the leader in "distance learning". The OU teaches by radio and television programmes, linked with correspondence courses, regular tutorials near the student's home and short-term residential schools.

Baroness Blatch, the education minister, has said: "The Open University is synonymous with quality." It was not always like that. As the idea was gaining momentum in 1968, the Conservative MP Iain Macleod described it as "blithering nonsense".

The OU now receives support from politicians on all sides. In 1991, Kenneth Clarke, the Education Secretary at the time, announced a £7 million government gift to enable the university to buy its campus from the Milton Keynes Development Corporation. Lecturers have included Gordon Brown, Labour's shadow chancellor, and Edwina Currie from the Conservatives.

Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, is to become chancellor of the university this autumn. She says: "The OU occupies a unique place in the academic world and in our national life. It offers the opportunity for higher education and thus for self-fulfilment to thousands of men and women of all ages and backgrounds who could not otherwise enjoy this privilege."

Costs have always been an important factor. Students pay a £268 tuition fee for each full-credit undergraduate course plus £187 for residential schools. Other courses cost from about £10 for personal-interest study packs to about £1,000 or more for Open Business School courses, many of which are paid for by employers.

In 1993-94 The Higher Education Funding Council provided £101 million, including £4.7 million for research and £4.5 million for increased student numbers in science, mathematics and technology.

The Open University has teamed up with the Rover Group and Rank Xerox to sponsor *The Open Learning Exhibition*, to be held at The Business Design Centre, London N1 0QH, on April 28-29, from 9am to 6pm.

The show looks at flexible training and includes a free seminar programme. For further details telephone Mel Stride on 071-727 7380.

The idea for a university of the air and nationally organised correspondence courses to provide facilities for home study to university and higher technical standards was launched by Harold Wilson in a speech in Glasgow in 1963. Looking back he said: "It certainly wasn't official Labour Party policy at this stage, except in the sense that I was running the party in a slightly dictatorial way; if I said something was going to happen, I intended it to happen."

Lord Wilson, as he is now, would be the first to agree that it would not have happened without the determination of Jenny Lee, his Minister for the Arts working in the Department of Education and Science. In taking over the Wilson ideas, she added two principles from which she never budged: it was to be an independent university and was to be open to all.

A White Paper was published in February 1966, a month before the general election. Labour's manifesto included a promise to establish the university of the air. Despite continual political manoeuvrings, not least because of the cost in a difficult economic period, Walter Perry, vice-principal of Edinburgh University was appointed vice-chancellor of the Open University and took up the post in January 1969.

The OU moved to Milton Keynes in September 1969 and by mid-1970 knew there would be enough applications for the university to be viable. In fact there were 40,000 applicants for the original 24,000 places in the first academic year, 1971. This year the university will be teaching more than 200,000 men and women. The 6,000 overseas students include young men and women in Russia, Hungary, the Czech and Slovak Republics, Bulgaria and Romania. In the past 25 years, at least two million people have studied with the university.

The figures could hardly have been dreamt of in the early years. Chris Christodoulou, the OU's first secretary, recalls: "Originally our target was an intake of 25,000 for each of the first three years.



Open University students receive their degrees. Right: Lord Wilson, former prime minister, who inspired the creation of a university of the air

In the event the change of government forced us to cut back. It turned out that our problem wasn't one of survival but of keeping the impetus of our early plans."

But the students kept enrolling. Every year there were more applications than available places, which led to a drop in applications. The announcement of the first graduates, however, turned the tide and applications rose sharply. By 1980 student numbers had reached 70,000 with about 6,000 graduates every year.

Numbers alone are not the only indicator of success but they do go hand-in-hand with a growing reputation. Pat Atkins, OU co-ordinator in Belgium, says: "The OU is recognised as a market leader in a uniquely mobile form of education. The leadership is rooted in the idea of innovation.

"We need to keep growing and developing or we will stagnate. The past 25 years have seen the OU establish itself as one of the great British institutions. It would be exciting to see it becoming one of the great European institutions in the next 25 years."

The turning point as far as public recognition was concerned came in 1980. The Queen visited the university to celebrate its first ten years and a further seal of approval came from an unexpected source. In 1980, *Who's Who* accepted that the Bishop of Dunwich did have a real degree after questioning the validity of the BA Hons (Open) he had listed in his entry.

From Montreal with the Dunkirk spirit



John Daniel — "We are world leaders"

For the young lecturer returning home from Canada, the new British university was a revelation. John Daniel, a science graduate of Montreal University, was in England as a visiting volunteer lecturer as part of his postgraduate studies. *David Tytler writes.*

The year was 1972; 28 years later Dr Daniel returned to the Open University as its vice-chancellor. Ever since his first visit, Dr Daniel has had a dream of returning. But when the post of vice-chancellor came up he did not expect to be successful: "It was very much a long shot but I had thought for some time that it was the one job in higher education that I would really like to have.

"When I first came to the OU in 1972, I caught the sense of excitement and a kind of Dunkirk spirit in the face of enormous problems and obstacles. I hope it never loses that pioneering outlook."

The OU was quite unlike his own education, which he describes as "medieval". As an orphan, he was awarded a place at Christ's Hospital, the public school in West Sussex, before going on to Oxford and then the University of Paris to read for a science doctorate. He left Paris to become an academic metallurgist at the Ecole Polytechnique in the University of Montreal. While there, he began studying educational technology as a part-time postgraduate student and spent three months as a volunteer visiting lecturer, teaching the first technology foundation course at the fledgeling Open University.

"I knew then that was the future of higher education," he says. "It was a conversion for me. In North America everybody was talking about this amazing project in Britain. The Open University had really captured the imagination, not just because of the sheer scale of it but because it was the Brits who were doing it and we did have rather a conservative reputation."

On his return to Canada, he joined the team establishing Quebec's Télé-université. In 1977, he was appointed vice-president of Athabasca University, the open university of Alberta. During the 1980s he was vice-rector of Concordia University, Montreal, and then president of Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario. During this time he was president of the International Council for Distance Learning for three years.

When he arrived at the OU in 1990, Dr Daniel encouraged staff and students to think about the OU's position in the world. By 1993, there were OU contacts in most of Western Europe and educational partnerships in the Czech and Slovak Republics, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Russia, with agreements planned for Hong Kong and Singapore. There are now between 6,000 and 7,000 Eastern Europeans doing courses in their own languages and 4,000 to 5,000 Western European students doing degrees in English.

Dr Daniel says: "When I arrived, the university was already doing good things but it was rather haphazard, and if there is one thing I would like to take credit for, it is in pulling it all together. The university had been battered but it was also very successful and now the world was waiting for it. I told them 'let's do it' and the response has been terrific."

At home, where the OU teaches 8 per cent of the total student population, Dr Daniel believes the university is vital in bringing together the academic and vocational divide which has dogged the British education system for so long. The OU is involved in the introduction of the National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) and hopes to make them more widely acceptable.

He says: "As the largest university in the country, we have an obligation to be involved in national projects. Also, as 75 per cent of our students are in work, they naturally take an interest in NVQs. We are putting a lot of effort into research and development right across industry and the professions, based on our experience of work-based part-time education. The leaders of industry know us and trust us to provide the content and basis of knowledge needed to support NVQs."

The OU has always been at the front of technology when it comes to teaching people in their own homes, often far away from the big centres. Dr Daniel says: "The day is not far off when every student will have his or her own computer terminal. We are now marketing our material on a worldwide basis for all kinds of media, including satellite transmission."

The continuing technological revolution is very much the concern of Geoff Peters, pro-vice-chancellor (strategy). "All universities will soon be enaged in multimedia education and open learning," he says. "The something special offered by the Open University will be international coverage and support, coupled with a coherent programme of guaranteed and recognised quality."

Although an internationalist, Dr Daniel does not lose sight of the OU's primary function. He repeats with some pride the conclusions of the 1990 review of the university by the Department of Education: "The Open University is by far the most important provider of opportunities for part-time degree-level studies in the United Kingdom. If it did not exist, it is difficult to see how the present level of part-time provision could be maintained."

"We are world leaders," says Dr Daniel, "and if I have anything to do with it, that is the position we will maintain."

Undergraduate courses (comparative years)

Subjects	1971	1976	1981	1991	1992
Arts	1	17	23	23	22
Social Science	1	19	22	20	21
Education	0	9	11	12	11
Mathematics	1	13	15	20	22
Science	1	20	24	25	25
Technology	0	14	21	26	26

OU Students 1971-1993

	1971	1976	1981	1991	1992	1993
Undergraduates	19,581	50,994	59,988	75,076	80,212	84,556
Associate students	0	4,578	7,078	13,378	11,881	12,197
Postgraduates	34	414	711	6,499	7,462	8,208
Specialised short courses	0	0	0	14,782	16,000	17,690

Ten most popular current OU courses

Title	Students
The Effective Manager	3,181
Fundamentals of Computing	3,153
Culture and Belief in Europe	2,803
Introduction to Psychology	2,781
The Enlightenment	2,594
Managing Customer and Client Relations	2,236
Accounting and the PC for Managers	2,226
Personality, Development and Learning	2,075
Social Problems and Social Welfare	1,973
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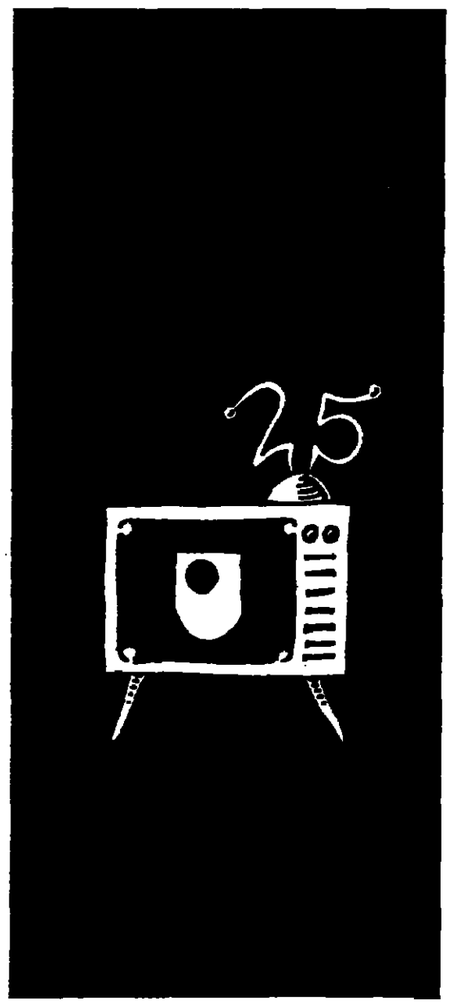
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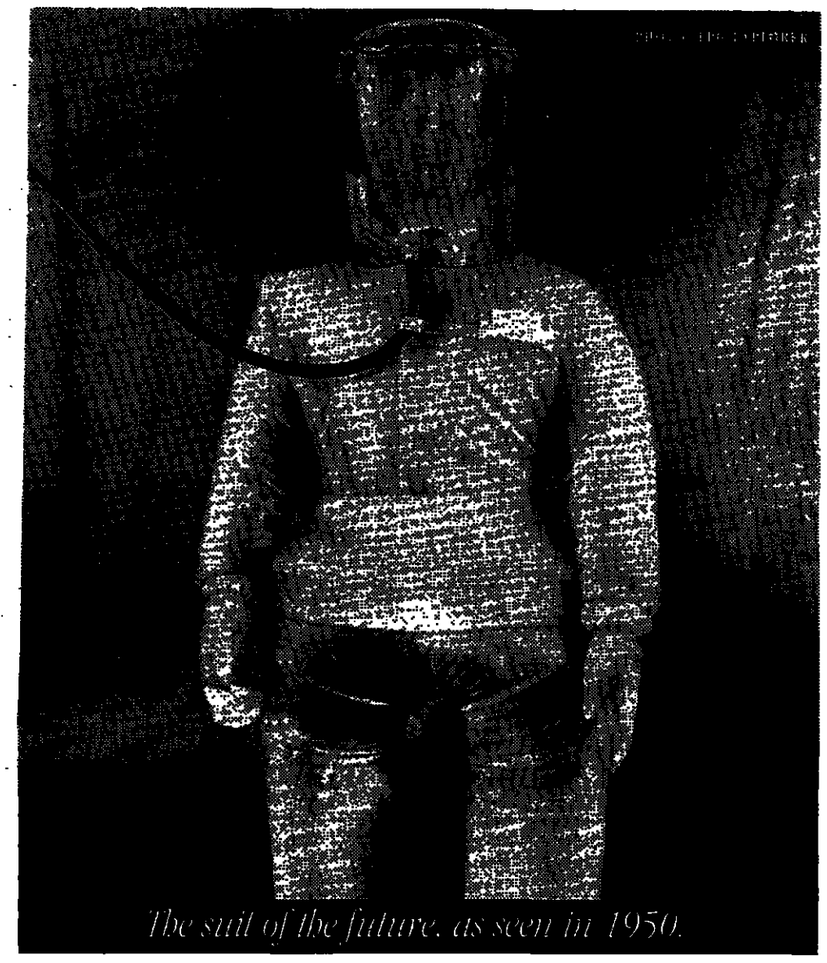
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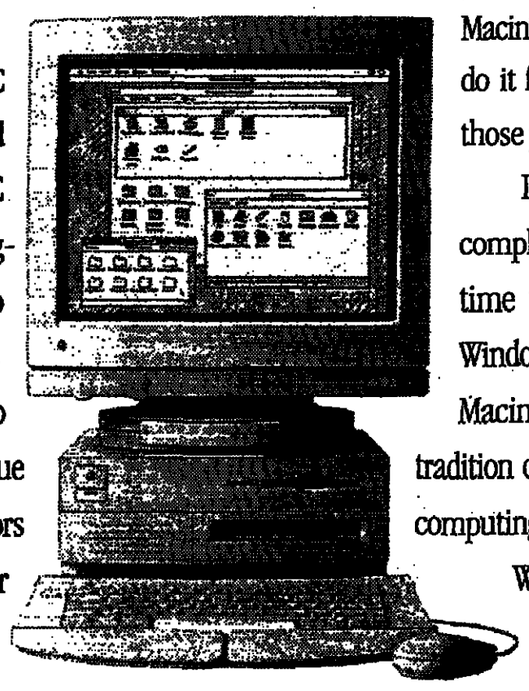
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The interplay of communication and co-operation in the classroom helps students to formulate attitudes to study, but OU candidates have to tough it out at home

Job openings for the diligent

Students thrive at the Open University, says **David Tytler**

More than 120,000 students have received their first degrees in the 25 years of the Open University. Each worked hard, usually while in a full-time job. They are a formidable group of people, representing 8 per cent of the UK student population.

The figures are impressive, but behind the statistics are individual achievements. Robert Waters, 44, from St Andrews, Fife, manages Britain's fleet of 150 Tornado aircraft. He left school at 16 without any qualifications and says: "I was nuts about sport at school and did not bother.

"It was when I joined the RAF that the football coach suggested I get a couple of O levels. I went on to do a vocational qualification, the Higher National Diploma, and then started with the OU because I did not need day release to do it. At some point I am going to come out of the Air Force and it will be easier to get a job with a BSc."

Susan Brabbing, 40, of Ulgham, Northumberland, is about to embark on a new career as a careers adviser after half a lifetime in the Army. She says: "My father had been in the army and I never found anything else I wanted to do. As soon as I left school I signed on the dotted line."

When the time came to leave, however, the message was equally clear. Mrs Brabbing says: "I soon narrowed down what I wanted to do and my OU studies helped me get a place on a postgraduate diploma course in careers guidance."

Graham Thomas, 37, of Oakham, Rutland, is one of the few black police chief inspectors in Britain. He joined the police as a cadet when he was 16. He took the internal police examinations to become a sergeant and then an inspector which allowed him to enrol with the OU. He says: "If you do not have an academic background, you are up against people who are better qualified when it comes to promotions."

Sandra Baldry, 41, of Thanet, Kent, is a college lecturer who left school at 15 to work as a waitress. She married when still very young and started studying at evening classses to improve her reading and writing.

After the last of her three children was born she enrolled for an evening class in child psychology, was awarded an "A" and then took a higher education access course which entitled her to join the OU. While she was studying she worked as a casino waitress.

Tommy Jackson, from Carlisle, is 40. He left school at 16 with only one O level to be an apprentice heavy goods fitter. He started studying with the OU after taking an interest in his brother's OU studies, which resulted in his brother becoming a teacher in a special school where Tommy became involved in voluntary work.

In 1990 Tommy was made redundant and found work in social services as a family aide. Then came a successful application to the University of Lancaster for a social work diploma. Mr Jackson says: "The OU has led to a total change in my life. The social work course required A levels for entry, but they accepted my OU course studies instead."

Raymond Pugh, 36, is a teacher from Kidderminster, Worcestershire, who started work in his local Woolworths after failing A levels. In 1976 he became a spinner in a carpet factory. Two years later, married, and with the recession setting in, his prospects were slim. He says: "I tried unsuccessfully for a place on a college course. Going on an evening course seemed pointless as I would be competing for jobs with people who were leaving school at 16 or 17."

He saw the OU as a way of leaving the factory and was led to teaching. In September 1990 his BA won him a place on a postgraduate teacher training course at Worcester College. He has taught in Kidderminster since September 1991.

Christine Jones, of Northampton, is a tutor in memory skills who was offered her present job by somebody she was interviewing on her OU social psychology project. She left school at 16 and worked mainly in clerical jobs. She started her degree in 1987 after a long spell at home with her three children and taking six O levels and A level psychology as a mature student.

Susan van Rooyen is 44 from Romford, Essex, and joined the Open University when she was a teacher as part of a scheme to improve the quality of maths teaching in Essex. The chance to study statistics met a long-standing interest and she now works as an information and statistical officer for South Essex Health Authority.

FEW, if any, educational institutions can claim students scattered across Europe, from the west of Ireland to Russia. The Open Business School (OBS), started in 1983, has 20,000 of them, more than 6,000 of the registrations from outside the UK — and lecturers who travel from Edinburgh to Moscow to give tutorials.

It is creating a European network so that managers can move comfortably between countries and through the ranks of multi-nationals while still experiencing high quality management development.

It has also had spectacular success in teaching forgotten business skills to Eastern bloc countries as they struggle to reshape their shattered economies.

Brian Lund, a founding director of the OBS and a prime mover behind its expansion into Europe, said: "With the countries of the new 'common European home' moving towards market economies, they see that our teaching methods are immediately relevant to the need to retrain a very large number of managers in a very short time."

Dr Jan Morovic, founder of the City University of Bratislava, which was set up in 1991 primarily to deliver OBS courses, found initially that teaching management in Slovakia needed a new vocabulary. He said: "The concept of manager had not previously existed in Slovakia.

"The nearest equivalent was a controller who had to ensure that a state plan was met. These people had no free space for decisions, but simply fulfilled a plan."

Business-like and booming

Difficulties with distance learning can, with some effort, be overcome

The Open Business School (OBS) is the fastest-growing arm of the Open University and looks set to be one of its greatest successes.

Founded in 1983, the OBS this year has more than 20,000 course registrations. More than 9,000 organisations have sponsored or supported students. The school's current annual turnover is around £17 million.

The OBS operates on principles very similar to those of the Open University. Indeed, the experience and expertise of the OU are probably one of the key reasons for the success of the school. Distance learning is a notoriously difficult way to study. The OU/OBS approach — modular in format with written text, audio and visual tapes, computer software, residential blocks and strong regional support — goes some way to overcoming the problems.



David Asch: confident of school's success

The OBS operates like any other university-linked business school. It has its own research department and a small number of doctoral students on the large campus in Milton Keynes. But it has no teaching facilities of its own. Like the OU, it uses public and private management schools, as well as hotels and conference centres, to provide meeting places for tutorials and residential schools.

Though the OBS offers a number of management programmes, the Master of Business Administration course has become its flagship. The growth of this programme, at a time when the MBA market as a whole has been rather flat, has been extraordinary.

The school began its MBA programme in 1989 with 789 students. This year it has over 5,500 MBA students, nearly 700 of those in continental Europe. The first MBA graduates (211 in number) came off the line in 1991 and there are now more than 2,000 graduates. The OBS claims to take 40 per cent of all students enrolling for distance learning MBAs in the UK and around 12 per cent of all UK MBA students.

The MBA programme follows a three-tier certificate, diploma, MBA model. It allows open access but also allows degree-holders to enter at a later stage.

The programme is in two stages. Stage One (to which access is open) addresses practical management competencies and key concepts concerned with managing people, marketing, accounting, information systems, managing change and competitiveness.

It leads to the Professional Certificate in Management and, with further study, the Professional Diploma in Management. Stage I can also be completed via the accelerated nine-month course, The Competent Manager, though entry to this requires an honours degree or professional qualification and has a minimum age of 27.

Entry to Stage Two (which leads to the MBA) is via the certificate and diploma route or, for degree holders, the Competent Manager course. This stage focuses on strategy with a compulsory first course on strategic management and three strategy-linked optional courses.

The OBS is well on the way to achieving its ambition of becoming the main European provider of distance-learning management development products. Links with Europe, including Eastern Europe, are rapidly expanding. Most managers in these areas study not for an MBA but for the more basic Effective Manager programme.

Brian Lund, a founding director of the OBS, believes that these emerging markets are ideally placed to benefit from distance learning.

David Asch, dean of the OBS, says that the school is already recognised as the leading distance learning institution. (Henley Management College, which pioneered distance learning MBAs in the early-1980s and has a greater global reach and almost as many distance learning MBA students, might dispute that.) In five years he wants it to be judged as a leading European business school in teaching and research.

GEORGE BICKERSTAFFE

● *The author is editor of* Which MBA?, *published by the Economist Intelligence Unit.*

In personal contact

Distance learning does not mean that students are out of touch

Friendships, and personal experience of that special tutor, are the enduring memories for students at the traditional universities. For the Open University, which relies heavily on television, radio and correspondence courses, the personal touch is still important, *David Tytler writes.*

For the OU student, tutorial, counselling and support services are organised by the 13 regional centres which together are responsible for about 250 local study centres throughout the UK, with 5,500 part-time tuition and counselling staff.

Each regional centre is led by a director who may be assisted by up to 80 full-time staff, including tutors and other academics representing faculties and schools in the regions. They are assisted by senior counsellors, administrators and office staff.

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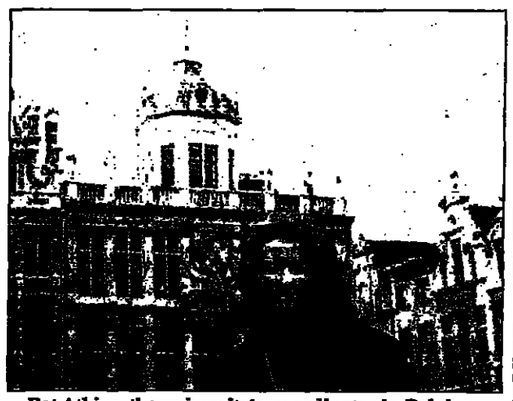
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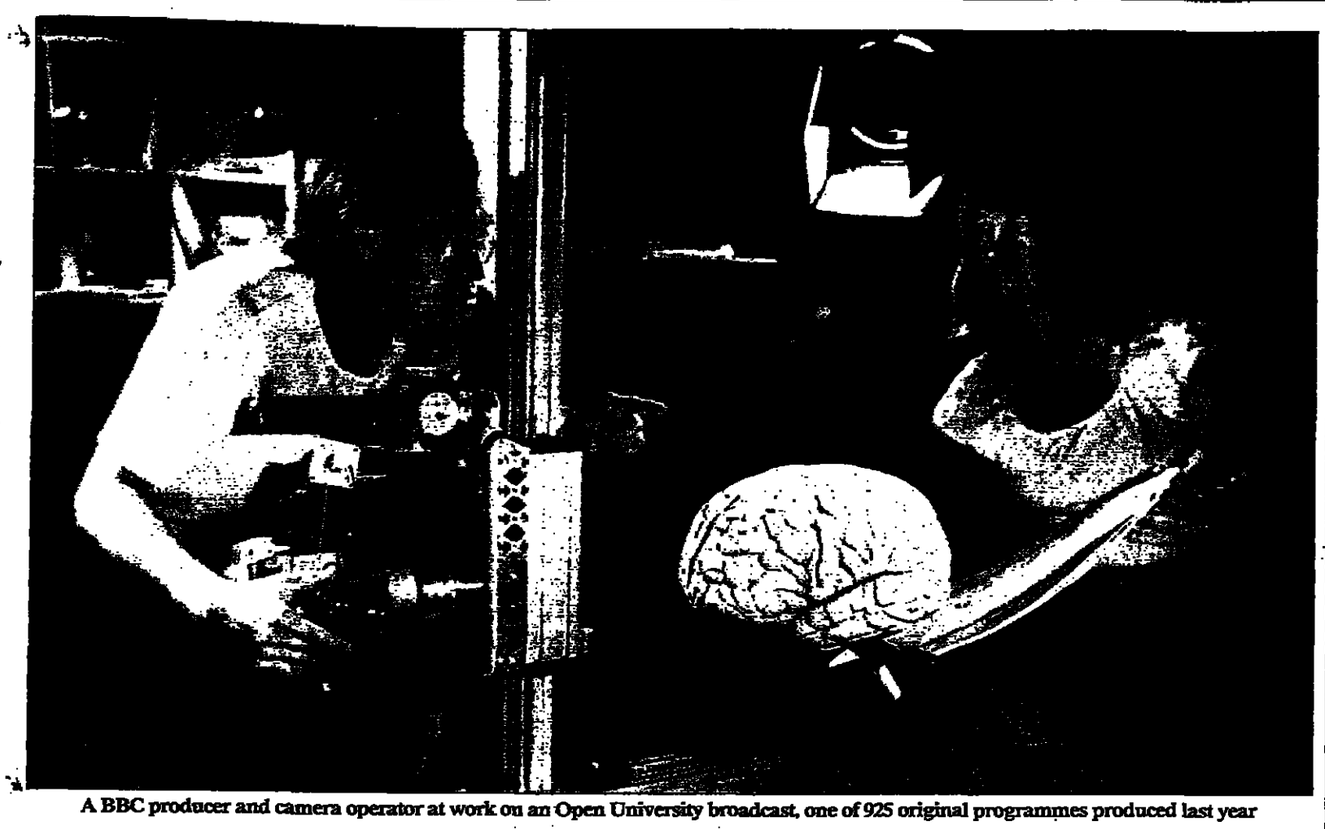
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A BBC producer and camera operator at work on an Open University broadcast, one of 925 original programmes produced last year

In the air tonight

The BBC's contribution is central to the university's success, says **David Tytler**

The BBC has been central to the success of the Open University, even if the programmes have gone out early in the morning or late at night. The video recorder has brought relief to many a hardworking student.

In the original planning in 1969, it was agreed that the partnership between the BBC and the university would cover everything from the conception of the course to the final production of the programmes.

A new department, Further Education (Open University), was set up in Alexandra Palace, which had just been vacated by BBC News, which, incidentally took all its colour equipment with it, leaving only second-hand black and white cameras.

The first programme went out in February 1971 on BBC2, when many households did not have sets that could receive the channel. Ten years later, the department assumed the title of the Open University Productions Centre (OUPC) and moved into purpose-built studios on the university campus at Milton Keynes.

In 1993, the BBC transmitted 547 radio programmes on Radio 3 and Radio 5, of which 292 were originals, 255 repeats. There were 1,542 television programmes on BBC2, 925 originals and 583 repeats. All the centre's producers are academically qualified, many of them subject specialists in their own right and, as full members of the university's faculties and course teams, are involved in all aspects of the courses, including the content.

A year-long experiment began in February in which live programmes are transmitted from the campus to the British armed forces and their families stationed in Europe. The aims of the experiment include raising the awareness of the university in Europe, to provide experience of satellite broadcasting for future operations and to provide better support for students in the OU's services' scheme.

Colin Robinson, the head of OUPC, is keen to make the point that the regular OU programmes are watched and listened to by an audience much wider than simply the students. Research carried out late last year shows that the predominantly male audiences range from 50,000 people on weekday mornings to about 400,000 for weekday late-night transmissions. The weekend programmes attract audiences of between 100,000 and 200,000. Many more people, however, dip into the programmes. Over a three-week period, more than five million people saw at least 15 minutes, usually on Saturdays. Few were involved in any formal studies but most had a broad interest in informational programmes. About half of the OU's students say that the broadcasts influenced their decision to enrol on courses.

The OUPC is part of of the BBC's Education Directorate, which runs BBC schools programmes, BBC continuing education and training, but the centre is funded entirely by the Open University. A relatively small department, it has a staff of 220, 33 in management, 45 producers and 37 other programme staff, and 105 designers, editors, recording crews and engineers.

The centre produces the equivalent of 160 half-hour television and 350 radio programmes each year for the university. About half are for transmission, the remainder for distribution on cassette. The centre also provides a number of extra items for the university such as broadcast presentation materials, trailers and lower cost material for in-house use. Under certain circumstances, the centre can, with the university's approval, work with other organisations.

What are the plans for the next 25 years? Mr Robinson says: "Simply to be the most effective and innovative higher educational media production centre in the world. We intend to raise public awareness of the university and build-up the perception of a continuous spectrum of BBC education material, from childhood to retirement through closer liaison with other BBC departments and by enhancing the presentation of programmes on air."

Healthy growth in community care

Nurses and carers benefit from 20 years of course material

While the Open University itself has grown at a furious pace over the past quarter century, the development of its school of health, welfare and community education has been, if anything, even more spectacular.

During the past 20 years, the department of health and social welfare has produced a wide range of study materials concerned with disability, children and young people, ageing and nursing and health, which are used widely for individual and group study and for incorporation into college-based programmes.

By using this material, hundreds of thousands of professionals in many areas have acquired knowledge and skills to enable them to improve their professional practice, while individuals and voluntary workers have gained knowledge of particular areas which has helped them to make career choices and to gain the confidence to go on to study at a higher level.

This successful work resulted in the introduction in 1992-93 of a new OU award, the diploma in health and social welfare. This has brought the possibility of a recognised award within the grasp of many who have in the past been prevented from studying by family or work commitments. The diploma is recognised as a valuable qualification in itself, while for some it has been the stepping-stone towards a degree or professional qualification.

There are now about 4,000 students studying for the new diploma, about a third of them working on the community care course, a relatively new route which provides 30 of the 120 credit points needed for the award of the diploma.

The community care course has been especially popular, being planned just at the time when the changes to legislation which resulted in the Community Care Act were being debated.

Dr Joanne Bornat and Dr Sonia Morgan are members of the course team. They found that this period of change provided an opportunity to discuss new forms of provision and to revisit some key texts in the history of community care. It was from this process that the community care course developed. The two experts found that many people in the health and social care professions were feeling uncertain about their jobs, their responsibilities and their skills.

Subsequent evaluation of the first intake of students showed that while there is no such person as a typical student, the experience of one person can help another evaluate how the course can be used. The team found one registered children's nurse, now disabled and no longer able to work on a ward, taking the diploma course to open a career move into administration management. Another nurse is using the course to become a Macmillan nurse.

The course team have found that many students are using their experience of the course to make changes in their career plans, while others are finding it helpful to study the course at a time when their working environment and job responsibilities are changing around them.

Dr Bornat says: "With community care still very much a debating issue for us all, it seems likely that our course is going to appear on more and more personal agendas for study as well as being part of the curriculum for trainers and teachers around the country."

Another course, which has attracted considerable attention since its introduction a year ago, is death and dying, also worth 30 credit points.

Although the course can provide a major element of work towards the diploma in health and social welfare, its popularity throughout the health and social services illustrates how often OU material is used as the basis for work by other organisations.

The course was designed to be of use to a very wide range of professions, but the interest in its tutor pack has been remarkable. The pack includes a video which can be used for one-day, multi-professional training sessions, and for those with more time, the video and 24 accompanying exercises can be used for more in-depth training.

Professor Malcolm Johnson, dean of the school of health, welfare and community education, says: "What we offer are high quality learning opportunities, produced by staff of national and international recognition, who are close to practice as well as to the body of academic knowledge."

DAVID YOUNG



Healthcare professionals have improved their skills

Expanding by degrees

The rigorous standards that the Open University applies to its courses and its long-established collaboration on credit transfer and comparability with other universities has made it the obvious replacement for the Council for National Academic Awards (CNAA) in validating degrees for institutions which do not have degree-awarding status themselves, *writes David Young.*

The OU is the only higher education organisation which operates throughout the country, now that the role of the CNAA has ended. Its past co-operation with the CNAA and its shared concern for high-quality course design has meant a smooth handover.

The OU has taken over the former CNAA offices in London, and many of its staff transferred to the OU validation services department, which meant minimum disruption for academic institutions and students. Institutions and programmes already validated by the CNAA moved under the OU wing, as did research students directly registered with the CNAA. Students midway through a CNAA-validated course have been able to continue their studies in the knowledge that they will not have to comply with any significantly different rules.

Unlike the OU validation services department and the CNAA, the OU is fostering closer links with the institutions it is working with and offering them representation on the validation board, which has full delegated powers from the university senate, as well as on the supporting validation committee.

The validation department has ensured that there will be a clear distinction between the OU's own awards made for its distance-learning courses and those offered by other institutions. The design of the diploma and degree certificates encourages students to identify more closely with the institution which runs their course.

Awards for which the OU now offers validation include certificates/diplomas in higher education, first degrees, professional diplomas, postgraduate certificates and diplomas, and research degrees. The issues raised by the growth of work-based learning programmes and national vocational qualifications (NVQs) and the changes in technologies for teaching and assessment are also being considered for future validation.

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Tanks were 100 yards from the main hospital and 500 yards from the UN headquarters before pulling back. Tens of thousands of people cowered in damaged buildings as a radio ham declared: "Before the eyes of the entire world, a city is dying" ..... Pages 1, 10

Triumph for the National Theatre

■ Two productions by the Royal National Theatre, the musical *Sweeney Todd* and the dark drama *Machinal*, carried off eight prizes, almost a third of the total, when the 1994 Olivier Awards were presented. The ceremony was held by the Society of London Theatre in association with *The Times* ..... Pages 1, 3

Blustery marathon

Dionicio Ceron, who was born into poverty in Mexico but is now one of the world's highest-paid athletes, led 26,000 through blustery conditions to win the London marathon ..... Page 1

IRA hit list

A security review has been completed following the discovery of an IRA hit list naming dozens of targets including MPs, judges and civil servants as well as historic sites ..... Page 1

Reynold's vision

The Dublin government attempted to allay Unionist fears after Albert Reynolds had mapped out his vision for a "new and agreed Ireland" ..... Page 2

London battleground

Campaigning will move to some of the key battlegrounds in the local election campaign this week against new evidence that the Tories face devastating losses in London ..... Page 2

Realistic Prince

Prince Charles is frustrated by the constraints on him but realistic about the future of the royal family, he has said ..... Page 3

Water alert

The National Rivers Authority said that its pollution-monitoring equipment on the Severn may have to be upgraded after a chemical spill that affected nearly 250,000 homes ..... Page 4

White paint murder

Detectives were mystified by the murder of Ronald Cousins, 78, whose body was found in his home at Chelmsford, Essex, covered with white paint ..... Page 4

Disappearing church

The rural English parish church is in danger of disappearing like hayricks and maypoles, a leading academic has said ..... Page 6

D-Day museum

Plans to open a D-Day Museum at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire, the wartime code-breaking centre, have been frustrated by government bureaucracy . Page 7

Car register

A register for cars, based on chassis identification numbers, and a "death certificate" for written-off vehicles are among proposals to cut used car fraud ..... Page 8

Holocaust protest

Simon Wiesenthal, the leading Nazi-hunter, has joined American Holocaust scholars in protesting against the transfer of the Berlin Documentation Centre to German control ..... Page 9

Zulu march stopped

A mass march planned for today through Johannesburg by the youth brigade of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party has been postponed for 24 hours after President de Klerk said that tough measures would be taken to prevent it ..... Page 11

Carpet makes a £29,930 profit

■ A rug bought for £70 in a Croydon junk shop has been discovered by Sotheby's to be a rare 17th century Mughal floor spread designed for royal use and valued at about £30,000. The carpet had belonged to a small local amateur dramatic company which had sent it for sale along with a job lot of Victorian costumes ..... Page 7



This three-dimensional image of a volcanic island in the Galapagos chain was made from radar on the space shuttle Endeavour

Rate cut prospects: Sluggish high street sales and fears of worse to come, mark the start of a week of important economic statistics, which will decide whether there can be a base rate cut ..... Page 44

Part-time boom: The move to part-time employment is accelerating in America, where the Teamsters are fighting part-time jobs ..... Page 42

Property sale: Memories of the Café de Paris wartime bombing will be revived when it is put for sale by the Trocadero receivers. Bids of £20 million have been received for the nightclub and the Rialto ..... Page 44

Cricket: Brian Lara was on 273 when rain stopped play on the second day of the 5th Test. Page 23

Golf: Peter Baker and David J Russell completed a one-shot victory in the Perrier European Fourball Championship in Paris with a closing round of 69 ..... Page 24

Football: Tottenham's hopes of avoiding relegation from the Premiership were dented with a 2-0 defeat at Leeds ..... Page 26

Tennis: Alberto Berasategui, of Spain, a fast-rising clay-court specialist, beat Jim Courier, the former world No 1, in straight sets to win the Nice Open ..... Page 30

Strange echo: "With his buck teeth, lank whiskers and shrivelled skin, he may be the ugliest celebrity for many years." Ben Macintyre on the naked mole rat ..... Page 12

Flash and dash: "The American designers had one singular aim: to encourage women to dress as if they enjoy being women." Iain R. Webb on the flashy look of the New York collections ..... Page 13

Major importance: "It is vital that children should understand from the beginning that spelling matters," says Susan Elkin ..... Page 35

Life-time achiever: Yesterday, at the Olivier ceremony, the director Peter Brook won *The Times* Award for his contribution to British theatrical life. Jeremy Kingston looks at his career ..... Page 37

Fat is beautiful: On last night's *South Bank Show*, Dawn French wanted to know one thing: why are fat women not photographed for their beauty? ..... Page 37

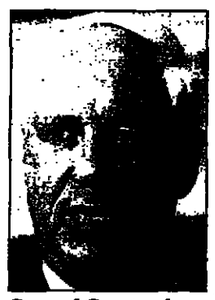
Return of the Green Knight: Why should anyone have thought Birtwistle's *Gawain* a suitable target for a demonstration against nasty modern music? It is the nicest modern music imaginable ..... Page 38



The Rev Paul Williamson prayed and wept as he attempted to prevent the ordination of 70 women at St Paul's Cathedral. Page 6



Nicole Rothschild married Dudley Moore in Los Angeles a month after he was arrested on suspicion of attacking her during an argument Page 11



General Constand Viljoen's right-wing Freedom Front party appears to be winning growing support in the South African election campaign Page 11

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£30 million legal tax bill

■ The biggest personal injury action in British legal history has collapsed at a cost of £30 million to the taxpayer. Dr Anthony Barton reports

Following the fleet

■ The fleet car market is bouncing back but there are still danger signs. A six-page report on a billion-pound industry

Artist in residence

■ Give Andy Goldsworthy three floors of a building in Old Bond Street and what does he do with it? He assembles a spectacular stone sculpture

A federal South Africa

Mr Mandela must waste no time in promising that the question of provincial autonomy will be addressed seriously ..... Page 15

The error cycle

After the hubris of the Lawson boom, the nemesis of the subsequent recession and the catharsis of the Lamont-Clarke tax increases, it scarcely seems possible that the same sequence of economic mistakes could be repeated ..... Page 15

Britain on stage

An awards ceremony that manages to honour Stoppard, Brook, Gielgud and Shakespeare really does deserve prolonged cheers .. Page 15

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Last week I visited Dudley Nightshade in the Munich Room at the Foreign Office to discuss the future of world affairs. He started off by assuring me of his absolute loyalty to Mr Major, whom he regards as the best Prime Minister since Bonar Law ..... Page 18

MATTHEW PARRIS

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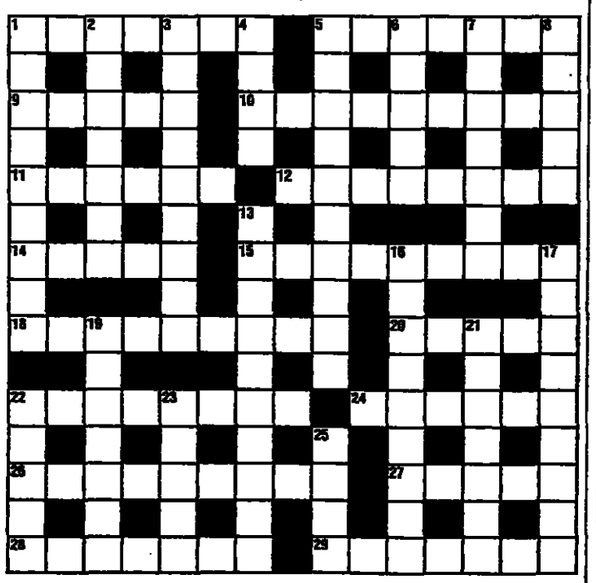
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The UN has to pick itself up from the floor and learn its lessons — the first of which is to send in more troops to the other havens
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■ **General:** much of England and Wales will start dry and bright with some sunshine. The extreme South East should remain dry throughout the day but rain will spread southwards across most other areas. Over Scotland and Northern Ireland, early rain will gradually clear, then all parts will have bright spells and showers. The best sunshine will be in eastern areas, while in the North and West some of the showers may be prolonged. It will be a cool day everywhere but winds will generally be light.

■ **London, S E England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, Channel Isles:** bright or sunny spells, dry until after dark. Wind mainly northerly, light to moderate. Less cold. Max 11C (52F).

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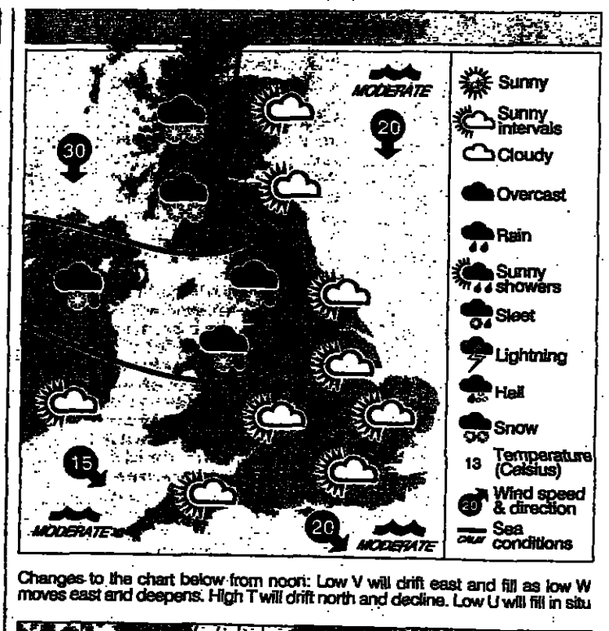
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Alex'dria	28	82	s	Dublin	13	55	c	Malaga	17	63	s
Algiers	16	61	c	Dubrovnik	15	59	c	Malta	19	66	s
Amst'dm	7	45	c	Faro	18	64	s	Melb'rne	21	70	f
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Barbados	-	--		Geneva	10	50	c	Montreal	8	46	r
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Ch'church	14	57	c	Luxemby	9	48	f	Rhodes	25	77	f
Cologne	11	52	s	Luxor	38	10	s	Rio de J	26	79	f

Riyadh	31	88	c	Sydney	24	75	s	Vienna	16	61	c
Rome	17	63	f	Tangier	18	64	s	Warsaw	14	57	s
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Avonmouth	11.06	10.4	11.27	11.5	Margate	3.39	4.0	4.14	4.0
Belfast	3.20	3.2	3.51	3.0	Milford Haven	10.24	5.4	10.56	5.4
Cardiff	10.49	9.66	11.11	9.75	Newquay	9.20	5.5	9.45	5.5
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Dover	2.37	5.8	3.12	5.8	Penzance	9.04	4.4	9.28	4.5
Falmouth	9.23	4.2	9.45	4.3	Portland	10.29	1.4	10.40	1.5
Glasgow	4.50	4.2	5.35	3.9	Portsmouth	3.10	4.0	3.54	4.0
Harwich	3.58	3.4	4.17	3.3	Shoreham	2.54	5.1	3.50	5.0
Holyhead	4.15	4.5	2.58	4.4	Southampton	2.48	3.9	3.27	3.9
Hull	10.17	6.07	11.03	5.90	Swansea	10.27	7.4	10.54	7.4
Ilfracombe	10.04	7.18	10.25	7.19	Tees	8.07	4.4	8.46	4.3
King's Lynn	10.21	5.3	11.06	5.0	Wilton-on-Nze	3.51	3.6	4.19	3.5
Leith	6.59	4.6	7.27	4.5					

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Sun rises: 5.59 am
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Moon sets: 2.00 am

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Bristol 8.11 pm to 8.07 am
Edinburgh 8.25 pm to 5.58 am
Manchester 8.15 pm to 6.01 am
Penzance 8.21 pm to 6.22 am

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West Indian batsman closes on triple-century target

England bow to Lara's genius

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN ANTIGUA

IT TAKES a special kind of confidence to begin a Test series with the stated aim of scoring a triple century but it takes a batting genius to *implement such an audacious* plan with the style, refinement and utter certainty shown here, yesterday, by Brian Lara.

The same England players who triumphed so memorably in Barbados only four days earlier were now reduced to weary resignation and rapidly fraying tempers as Lara bestrode this final Test match with one of the landmark innings of modern times. The third century of his Test career became his second double century and when he passed the 277 he made in Sydney last year England wore the look of a team pleading for mercy.

Although blessed with a disarming charm, Lara lacks for nothing in self-belief and it seemed the most natural thing to him to nominate his rarefied target, back in February. There may have been only 12 scores above 300 in the entire history of Test cricket but that caused him no concern. He had, after all, been within 23 runs of the promised land once already in his brief career and been deprived only by a run-out.

Well before play began, this had the feel of an "I was there" day. Although playing only his sixteenth Test, Lara is firmly established among the great talents of his generation and to have been present on the days of his finest deeds will, in years to come, be regarded with a reverence accorded to very few sportsmen.

As an event, the day was short only of the element of surprise. From the moment he took guard on Saturday morning, with the scoreboard soon to read 12 for two, Lara was exuding such awesome control and purpose that England would probably have done an immediate deal and settled for restricting him to a single *hundred*. Through one day and far into another, he gave no semblance of a chance, while the errors could be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Not the least remarkable aspect was that it was an innings born out of adversity, into employing an untried opening pair and they both fell tamely to the new ball. Perhaps this was the background Lara needed; certainly, he gave a deferential nod to the gravity of the situation by making only 23 before lunch and eliminating the higher-risk strokes.

He is not, however, a player who can be restrained for very long. Though studiously straight-batted in defence, he gradually relaxed into his full, vivid repertoire of feather-light cuts, flowing drives, off front and back feet, and on-side strokes struck with the whip action of one born with elastic wrists. A measure of his command is that Jimmy Adams managed only 59 of a third-wicket stand worth 179 and Keith Arthurton made 47 as the fourth-wicket added 183.

The bowling was not of the help-yourself variety, other than from a remarkably inept Chris Lewis, but neither was it remotely inspired. Fraser was willing, probing and inhibiting, Caddick bowled the occasional beauty and Tufnell wheeled away in undemanding defensive mode. The impression was of a team which has had its hour of glory and would gladly take the next flight home. Lara was to permit them no gentle descent.

It was 274 for three at start of play and the new ball was only seven overs old. An early breach, and sight of the lengthy West Indian tail, was England's only hope of prolonging victory ambitions but Lara and Arthurton selflessly extinguished all such thoughts. Lara did not score for the first 15 minutes and Arthurton scored from only three balls in 90 minutes but neither man was ever threatened.

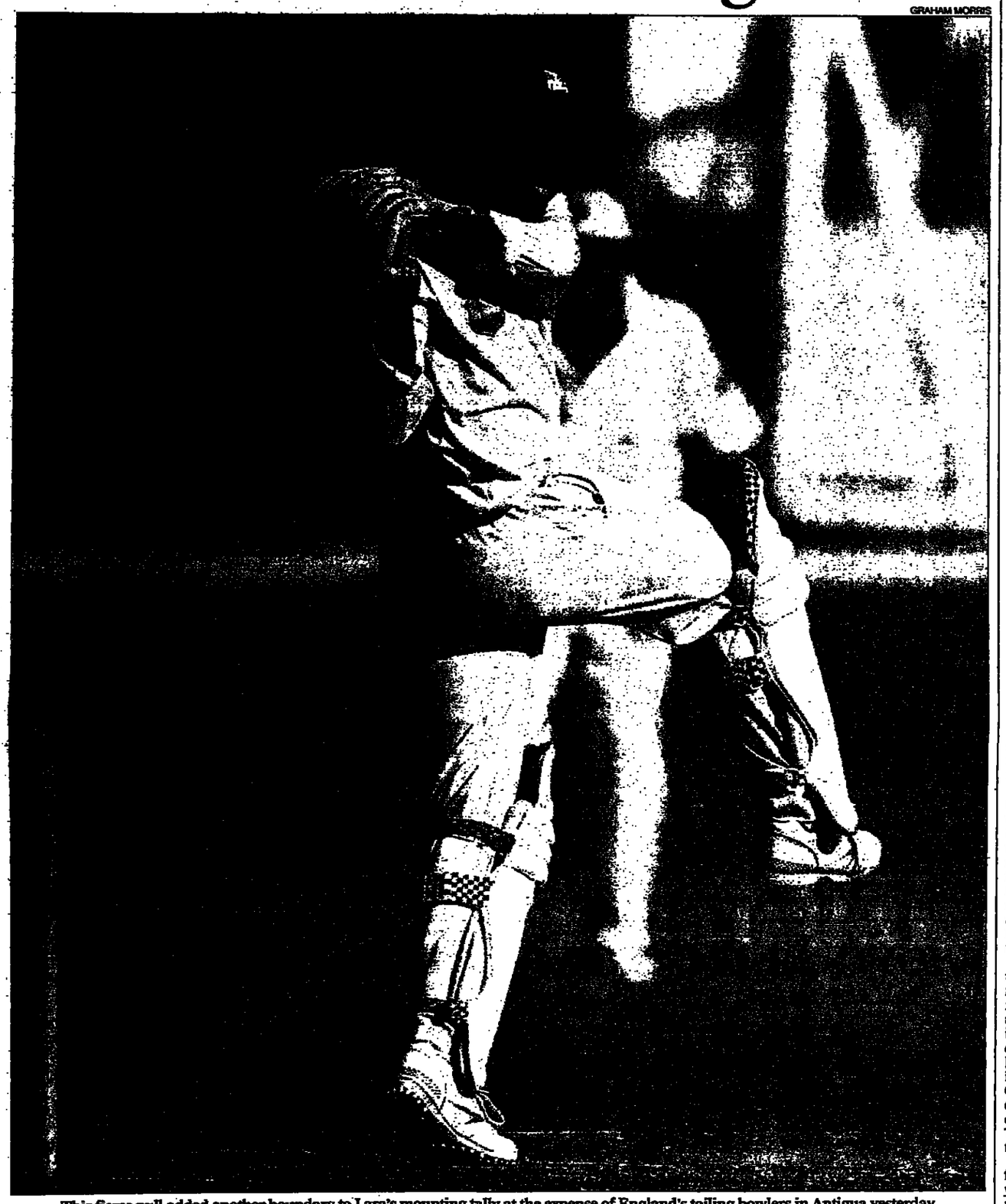
Within a packed, expectant crowd, there were those not averse to piling additional pressures on their hero. When Lara stood on 191, the public address crackled into life and announced that a local hotelier would donate a sizeable sum to charity if he reached 200. If he felt the weight of the moment at all, there was no sign of it. The choirboy face beneath the maroon cap remained dispassionate.

He reached the double-hundred with a modest single off Lewis when he had been batting for more than seven hours, but there was not a hint of physical or mental fatigue as he addressed the start of the third century with perpendicular bat and graphic concentration. England, for their part, seemed thoroughly clueless as to how they might possibly stop him.

Slight relief came with the departure of Arthurton, 15 minutes after lunch. Notwithstanding an injured hand, he had batted with the exaggerated caution of one eager to prove his game has more substance than some suspect. He blocked so conscientiously it became perverse but, three short of fifty, he got a good one from Caddick, lifting enough to take a thin edge.

It brought England more punishment than respite, for Shivnarine Chanderpaul, too, wished to show he had more than one way of playing. The stoicism of Trinidad and Barbados gave way to an array of wristy attacking shots and 64 were added in a mere 11 overs before an afternoon shower gave England the chance to shelter and regroup. Lara was on 279 when another shower intervened.

GRAHAM MORRIS



This fierce pull added another boundary to Lara's mounting tally at the expense of England's toiling bowlers in Antigua yesterday

WEST INDIES: First Innings

P V Simmons lbw b Caddick 8
(33min, 27 balls)
S C Williams c Caddick b Fraser 3
(28min, 17 balls)
B C Lara not out 279
J C Adams c sub (Hussain) b Fraser 59
(247min, 184 balls, 2 sixes, 2 fours)
K L T Arthurton c Russell b Caddick 47
(248min, 184 balls, 5 fours
S Chanderpaul not out 31

Extras 22
Total (4 wkts) 449

†J R Murray, W K M Benjamin, C E L Ambrose, K C G Benjamin and *C A Walsh to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-12, 3-191, 4-374.

ENGLAND: *M A Atherton, A J Stewart, M R Ramprakash, R A Smith, G A Hick, G P Thorpe, +R C Russell, C C Lewis, A R Caddick, A R C Fraser, P C R Tufnell.
Umpires: S A Bucknor and D B Heir.

Mexican sets unrelenting pace to capture Martin's title

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

EAMONN Martin made a spirited but unsuccessful attempt yesterday to defend his NutraSweet London Marathon title. If defeat had to come it was as well it came in a good race against an outstanding champion. Dionicio Ceron, a Mexican born in poverty but now on the road to riches, won his fourth marathon in succession, producing the fastest winning London performance since 1985.

Ceron's time, 2hr 8min 53sec, was remarkable given the blustery weather. But for the winds he would have beaten Steve Jones's course record of 2hr 8min 16sec and might have challenged the world best of 2hr 6min 50sec, set in 1988 by Belayneh Dinsamo, of Ethiopia. He had intended to attack Dinsamo's mark but a walk in the wind at 5am yesterday convinced him to lower his sights.

However, just as the Mexican's mighty effort was being applauded, word arrived that the Rotterdam Marathon had upstaged London again, just as it had in 1985. Vincent Rousseau, of Belgium, recorded 2hr 7min 51sec in Rotterdam, where the 20mph winds were similar to those in London. In 1985, on the weekend that Jones set his London course record, Carlos Lopes ran a world best of 2hr 7min 12sec in Rotterdam. Rousseau's time yesterday was the fastest marathon anywhere for six years.

Unlike in Rotterdam, though, where Rousseau ran the last ten miles alone, London enjoyed an absorbing race. It was not until the 23rd mile that Ceron drew clear, following the example of Katrin Dorre, the women's race-winner who had pulled away from her last challenger, Lisa Ondieki, of Australia, at the same stage.

The women set off 25 minutes before the men but Ceron nearly caught Dorre, a German who became the first athlete to triumph three years in succession but in the slowest winning time in the race's history, 2hr 32min 34sec. Such irony given that, when the Chinese entered, the talk was of London witnessing the fastest run in history by a woman. The Chinese withdrew from the event.

Ceron, 28, made $400,000 from running last year and yesterday's effort earned him another $70,000 in prize-money and time bonuses. Born of poor parents, he was the oldest of eight children, sharing a bedroom with five brothers. Now Ceron owns five houses and four cars and is buying land fast as an investment.

Until Martin lost contact with the leaders at 19 miles, Ceron could hear "everyone calling Eamonn Martin's name". Now and again, he said, he could hear a shout for him, which is surprising considering that London's official Mexican population numbers only some 250. "Legally maybe, but there were about 300 Mexicans at the finish-line," Luis Felipe Posso, Ceron's manager, said.

Ceron finished strongly, covering the 25th mile in 4min 42sec and the 26th in 4:41. He ran the second half faster than the first, going through half-way in 64min 41sec.

Martin had to settle for eighth place but was the leading Briton. His time, 2hr 11min 05sec, was only 15 seconds slower than last year. "It would have been easy to throw in the towel," Martin said. "But when winning was no longer a realistic objective it was important to be the first Brit."

This was only his second marathon. What had he learned that he had not learned last year? "How to suffer," he said.

Some elite men, and most of the women, wore gloves, Ondieki's stretching up to her elbows. When the gloves came off, though, Dorre proved the stronger puncher.

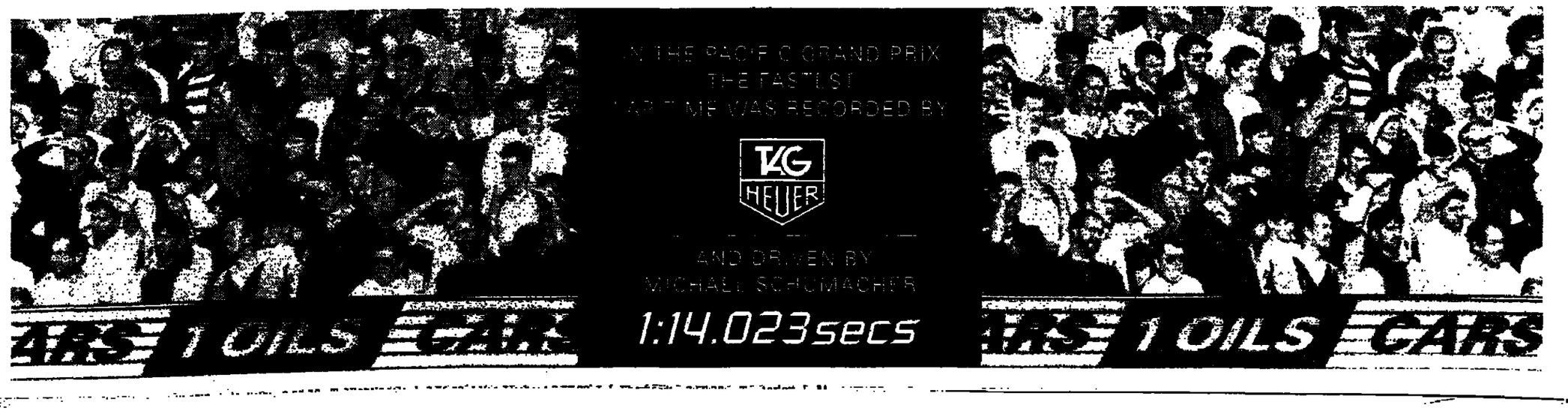
Dorre, 32, has won 17 of her 29 marathons but, had the Berlin Wall not come down, she would have given up long ago. "If it had not been for the change I would not be running today," she said. "Under the GDR it was not possible to go to training camps with my family and I would not have gone on alone."

Like Ceron, life has improved for Dorre. She has moved from polluted Leipzig to rural Odenwald because her daughter was unwell and she wanted to improve her health. But, unlike Ceron, she does not think she can set a world best. Ingrid Kristiansen's mark is 2hr 21min 06sec. "She ran times that are a dream for me," Dorre said.

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Dorre, left, the German winner of the women's race with Ceron, of Mexico, who won the men's London Marathon



Experience of Russell proves decisive for Midlands pair

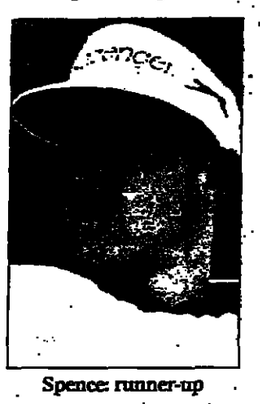
Baker and Russell hold their nerve

FROM MEL WEBB IN PARIS

NERVILY, tortuously but ultimately deservedly, Peter Baker and David J. Russell shared £70,000 as they completed a tension-packed one-shot victory in the Perrier European Four-ball championship at St Cloud yesterday with a closing round of 69 and a total of 260, 20 under par.

Baker and Russell had led by six strokes overnight, having stretched their advantage in the foursomes and greensomes of the second and third rounds to 19 under par following an extraordinary 12-under-par 58 in the fourball on Thursday. The tournament reverted to fourball better-ball with all its inherent birdie-making possibilities yesterday, but for Baker and Russell there was to be no repeat of their first-round gains.

Indeed, for a long time they made heavy weather of things, dropping shots on the 6th and 10th with not a birdie in sight. For the first time they were teetering on the edge of losing



Spence: runner-up

their grip on a tournament they had dominated from the off, and when Mark Mouland and Jamie Spence, playing in the final group with them, birdied the 10th and 12th to go four under par for the day, the two pairs were level on 17 under par.

Baker and Russell, who live no more than 40 minutes' drive away from each other in the Midlands, play 99 per cent of their practice rounds together and dovetailed into a cohesive unit, had their resolve tested at that moment. They passed the examination with flying colours.

Baker, who had two big-money wins last season, won nearly £500,000 and made a triumphant debut in the Ryder Cup, might have been expected to be the dominant partner.

Instead, it was Russell, at almost 40 his senior by 13 years and the winner of only two tournaments in a 21-year professional career, who delivered the telling blows on a day when not even a powerful and cruelly swirling wind could ruin the festival atmosphere of a tournament whose unusual format had the players purring with approval throughout.

Russell produced the first instalment of a two-part rescue act when he put a seven-iron to seven feet on the 13th and sank the putt for a birdie, then did even better on the next when he rolled in a 20-foot putt for another birdie. The Midlanders knew then that with their two-stroke lead restored they could afford to re-group and make the last, vital push for the line.

Spence and Mouland were not yet finished, though. Spence birdied the 16th from four feet to reduce the gap to a shot and Mouland rolled in a five-footer at the par-five 17th for their second birdie in succession. Their hopes of going up the last all square were dashed, however, when Russell, yet again, had the final word as he narrowly missed with his eagle putt but tapped in from close range for the last birdie of the round.

The final group were not the only contenders on this day. Miguel-Angel Jimenez and Jose Rivero moved into the frame with a seven-birdie, one-bogey round of 64 to finish on 16 under par and Russell Claydon and Paul Eales put in a spurt with a birdie on the 16th and an Eales eagle on the 17th. They finished level third, three shots behind the winners, alongside Severiano Ballesteros and José María Olazábal.

The Spaniards ensured that the group attracted the biggest gallery of the day, and they moved to within a stroke of the lead before apparently blowing their chances to smithereens with bogey fives at the 14th and 15th. They shouted a defiant last hurrah, however, by birdieing the closing three holes to finish with a 66.

They, like everybody else in the tournament, enjoyed themselves hugely. Nobody, though, had a better time than David J. Russell. For four days he was the undoubted star of the show.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (British and Irish unless stated): 266: P Baker and D J Russell 68, 65, 69, 264: J Spence and M Mouland 69, 69, 66, 64. 268: S Ballesteros and J-M Olazábal (Sp) 65, 67, 67, 69; R Claydon and P Eales 66, 65, 71, 66. 264: M-A Jimenez and J Rivero (Sp) 66, 70, 64, 64. 265: A Sherborne and P Curry 65, 68, 67, 65; M Davis and D R Jones 66, 68, 67, 64; T Lewt and M Pencarles (Fr) 62, 71, 66, 66. 268: M Pinero and J-M Canizares (Sp) 63, 68, 67, 68; S Richardson and P Mitchell 65, 69, 65, 67. 267: G J Brand and G Ralph 65, 69, 68, 65. 268: D Smyth and P McGinley 68, 68, 64, 68. 269: P Lawrie and S McAllister 69, 68, 70, 65; J Arruti and T Munoz (Sp) 65, 69, 70, 65; R Goosen (SA) and G Evans 68, 69, 68, 68; F Regard and J Garnier (Fr) 65, 67, 70, 67; I Garvias and D Hospital (Sp) 66, 69, 67, 67; J Lomas and M Turnbull 65, 71, 68, 67; R Mann and K Waters 65, 69, 67, 68.



David J. Russell, left, and Peter Baker display their trophies after a hard-fought victory at St Cloud

Penalty tests Davies's resolve

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES, IN ATLANTA

LAURA Davies, leading money winner on the US tour this year and ranked No 1 in the world, is not lacking in motivation, but yesterday, in the third and final round of the Atlanta women's golf championship at Eagle's Landing country club, it was possible to detect a particularly determined set to her shoulders as she teed off, with Dick Pademi, her caddie for the week, at her side.

Davies was three under par after rounds of 72 and 69, five shots behind Liselotte Neumann, her Swedish Solheim Cup team-mate, who showed a welcome return to form with rounds of 69 and 67. However, the Englishwoman would have been much closer to the lead had it not been for an unfortunate incident, involving Pademi, at the short fourth hole on Saturday. It was, in fact, their 31st hole of the tournament and the 26th of what had been a long, gruelling day, made necessary by the appalling weather that had disrupted play on Friday.

Davies was safely on the green at the par three and Pademi took the chance to visit a nearby Portaloo. When he came out, a marshall was waiting for him with a buggy and offered him a lift up the hill to the green. Pademi, a family friend of Davies who is in his 50's and was making his debut on tour, accepted — and unwittingly cost his player a two-shot penalty.

Tour rules state that players and caddies must not use "automotive transportation", except where designated, and this was not one of the many riding areas on the course.

Sally Little, one of Davies's playing partners, noticed the offence and it was brought to Davies's attention after she had holed out for a birdie two, moving her to what she thought was four under par. Instead, the ruling confirmed, she was only two under.

"Sally did what she had to do," Davies said, but the incident upset her rhythm for the next few holes, although she did birdie the last to keep in touch with the lead.

Pademi, who had been in training for this treat since Christmas, carrying his clubs, was quietly inconsolable. Everything had been going so well, and now here he was mucking things up for the world No 1. Everyone else's sympathetic response was little consolation.

Davies, however, is not a brooder and, well used to the vagaries of the professional game, was all business yesterday.

"I'll play twos today," she said, sorting through the balls in her bag. "That's a good make-up number," Pademi said softly.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 136: L Neumann (Swe) 69, 67. 137: J Dickinson 67, 70. 138: V Skinner 70, 68. 139: B Daniel 69, 70. 140: D Mochrie 71, 69; C Johnson, 70, 70. 141: L Davies 72, 69; M McNamara 69, 72; N Le Roux (SA) 69, 72; J Geddes 69, 72; B Beaton 68, 73. 142: L Wadkins 75, 67; D Richard 74, 68; M Redman 74, 68; S Torrey 72, 70; L Mason 71, 71; P Dunlap 71, 71; K Albers 71, 71; N Lopez 69, 73; C Villegas 68, 74; H Alkedalson (Swe) 68, 74; C Rarick 66, 76. 143: D Domanni 73, 70; B Thomas 72,71; M McGeorge 71, 72; N Foust 71, 72; K Monaghan 69, 74. Other scores: 145: M Lunt (Aus) 74, 71. 146: T Johnson (GB) 76, 70; A Dibos (Peru) 74, 72; K Lusr (Aus) 72, 74; E Dahlof (Swe) 69, 77; A-M Pati (Fr) 75, 73; S Croce (It) 75, 73; S Strudwick (GB) 71, 77. Missed cut: 148: M Figueras-Dotti (Sp) 74, 74. 153: C Pierce (GB) 75, 78; S Maynor 75, 78. 156: A Aeroji (Sp) 78, 77; H Marshall (GB) 74, 81. 159: T Abitbol (Sp) 77, 79. 158: P Wright (GB) 75, 83.

Faultless Lansink gives home crowd Dutch treat

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, HOLLAND

JOS Lansink of Holland, riding Bollvorm's Libero, survived a near-mistake in the final round to win the Volvo Showjumping World Cup here yesterday to a tumultuous standing ovation from his countrymen. He had led the competition from the start.

Lansink, who was joint winner of the final round with Dirk Hafemeister, of Germany, is the first Dutch rider to win the cup in its 15-year history and the fifth European. Only one other rider, Ian Millar of Canada, has won all three legs of the gruelling competition.

The British rider, Michael Whitaker, who had been in fifteenth place after Thursday's opening leg, moved up to third place behind Franke Sloothaak, of Germany, after incurring only four faults in yesterday's two-round grand prix on Everest Midnight Madness. It is Whitaker's best result in the final. Nick Skelton, the only other Briton left in the competition, was ninth.

Libero's faultless performance yesterday made victory all the sweeter for Lansink. With Egano, the horse on which he won his Olympic team gold medal, sidelined through injury, many had doubted whether Libero, his so-called "second" horse, would have the stamina for the big final round.

After silencing those critics Lansink, 33, the son of a farmer from Eastern Holland, paid tribute to his 13-year-old German-bred stallion. "He may not have as much scope as Egano but he's super careful and a real fighter."

The top 26 horses from the original 40 starters qualified for yesterday's two-round grand prix. John Whitaker, of Britain, one of the pre-competition favourites, was not among them. He finished 34th after the second leg on Friday in which Everest Grannusch, his substitute for the off-form Everest Milton, had three fences down.

Henk-Jan Drabbe's flower-bedecked course for the opening round proved a model one. Faults were spread evenly round the 12 fences. Only Hafemeister on Priamos and Lansink were clear inside the time.

Skelton, who had been lying third at the start of the competition, was clear until the tenth fence when Everest Limited Edition, who until this week had not had an outing since Olympia in December, missed his stride and plunged headlong through the fence. Skelton, who has been riding superbly throughout the final, did well to finish on just eight faults.

Michael Whitaker incurred four faults at the seventh fence on Everest Midnight Madness to start the second and final round in joint third place.

For this round Drabbe had built a shorter, bigger nine-fence course. With riders going in reverse order of merit the atmosphere inside the packed Brabant Hall was tense by the time Whitaker entered the ring. He produced a superb clear to keep the pressure on the leaders.

Sloothaak, a 1988 Olympic gold medal winner, also made no mistake with the mare San Patrignano Dorina. Though Lansink, the last to go, could have two fences down and still win the cup his vociferous supporters were willing him to finish on the faultless note on which he started this competition.

In a deathly hush they jumped neatly — almost too carefully — round the first seven fences but at the second part of the double there was a rattle of poles as Libero dropped a hind leg between the bars of the fence. Astonishingly no pole fell. Lansink, displaying his coolness under pressure, recovered to jump clear as the stamping, cheering crowd roared him over the final fences.

RESULT: Volvo World Cup: 1, Bollvorm's Libero (J Lansink, Holland) 0, 2, Sas Pattignano Dorina (F Sloothaak, Ger) 9.50pts; 3, Everest Midnight Madness (M Whitaker, GB) 14pts; 4, Apricot D (H Simon, Austria) 14.25. Other British: 9, Everest Limited Edition (N Skelton) 20.50pts.

Injury takes toll on Venables's squad

TERRY Venables, the England manager, is not surprised by the large-scale withdrawals which have devalued his two-day England training camp at Bisham Abbey. Alan Shearer, the Blackburn Rovers striker, and Paul Parker and Gary Pallister, the Manchester United defenders, headed the list of players missing when the squad assembled last night.

Shearer injured his ankle in Saturday's defeat at Southampton, and his team-mate, David Batty, is also out with a foot problem. Pallister's back and Parker's ankle rule them out, while Tony Coton, the Manchester City goalkeeper, and Des Walker, the Sheffield Wednesday defender, have knee and ankle injuries respectively. Tony Dorigo, of Leeds United, is also unfit. "It's frankly much as I'd expect at this time of the season," Venables said.

Robbie Dennison, the Wolves winger, has been added to the Northern Ireland squad for Wednesday's European championship qualifier against Liechtenstein in Belfast.

Tarquini at the double

MOTOR SPORT: Gabriele Tarquini, of Italy, employed unconventional "slow driving" tactics to gain a double victory in the second and third rounds of the Auto Trader British touring car championship at Brands Hatch yesterday as the Alfa Romeo team continued its domination of the series. Starting at the head of the field, Tarquini and his team-mate, Gianfranco Simoni, slowed their cars to a crawl as they approached the grid for the first race. Behind them, the Renaults of Tim Harvey and Alain Menu, the Vauxhall of John Cleland and the Ford of Andy Rouse all suffered as their tyres greatly cooled below optimum working temperature, allowing the Italian cars to dominate and head, unchallenged, to the chequered flag. At the start of the second round, the slow driving tactics backfired when Simoni's car spun its wheels and lost ground. Tarquini, however, took the lead and continued to victory.

AC Milan clinch title

FOOTBALL: AC Milan claimed their third successive Italian league championship yesterday, despite being held to a 2-2 draw by relegation-threatened Udinese at the San Siro. The result, earned by goals from Zvonimir Boban and Marco Simone, leaves Milan five points clear of their nearest rivals, Juventus, with two matches remaining and assures the champions of their fourteenth league title. They are the first team to complete a hat-trick since Torino won a fourth successive championship in 1949. The Juventus striker, Gianluca Vialli, absent for most of the season with a foot injury, did his best to keep his side in contention with three goals in a 6-1 thrashing of Lazio.

Durham eliminated

ICE HOCKEY: Three of the four British championship semi-finalists were confirmed on Saturday, leaving Nottingham Panthers and Whitley Warriors disputing the fourth Wembley place. The Panthers beat Durham Wasps 6-4, which eliminated the north-eastern side and left the Panthers needing to win in Whitley Bay to go through. In the other group, Sheffield Steelers and Fife Flyers had already qualified but Steelers' win by 5-4 over their rivals means they avoid Cardiff Devils, the favourites, in the semi-finals on Saturday. Peterborough Pirates virtually ensured their premier division survival with a valuable away win against Romford Raiders.

King regains crown

BOWLS: Mervyn King, of Pinewood Park, Norfolk, won the Manchester Unity EIBA singles for the second time at Melton Mowbray on Saturday. He beat Paul Bennett of Bodmin, an England trialist this season, 21-12, becoming the fifth man to win the title more than once. The world indoor champion, Andy Thomson, who withdrew from the English championships to contest the Mazda International Jack High tournament in Australia, made his decision pay off when he won the title by beating Dave Stockham, of Australia, 9-4, 9-5 in the final on Saturday.

Marshall advances

SQUASH: Peter Marshall, the British champion from Nottingham, overcame Del Harris, the former world No 1, to reach the second round of the Tournament of Champions in New York. Marshall's 15-12, 16-17, 15-7, 15-9 win set up a clash with the world No 9, Philip Whitlock, from Manchester, who beat the German No 2, Simon Frenz, 15-6, 15-13, 13-15, 15-12. Simon Parke, the former world junior champion from Yorkshire, overcame Stephen Meads, of Reading, 7-15, 15-11, 15-8, 15-9 and Danny Meddings, of Surrey, beat Darren Webb, of Essex, 15-6, 11-15, 15-7, 15-5.

Fenner's wash-out

CRICKET: Cambridge University's match against Northamptonshire at Fenner's was abandoned yesterday. The fixture should have finished today but after an early inspection yesterday the umpires decided that conditions were not going to improve. "We had a storm on Thursday and ever since it has been damp," Tony Pocock, the Fenner's groundsman, said. "There must even be doubt about Wednesday, when we are due to start the game against Kent." Only two balls were bowled at Fenner's on the final two days of last week's match against Nottinghamshire.

Glenurquhart and Lochaber replay

BY COLL MACDOUGALL

AS EXPECTED, the quarter-final tie between Lochaber and Glenurquhart in the Scottish shinty championship proved more exciting than the re-run of last year's final in the Bank of Scotland MacTavish Cup between Kingussie and Fort William, which brought a 2-1 victory for Kingussie.

Throughout the tie at Spean Bridge, Lochaber, the second division champions, who returned to the top echelon of the sport in September after several years rebuilding their side, proved to be the more aggressive. But Glenurquhart, with a better season behind them than they believed possible, held on and took their chances.

Jamie Bell put Glenurquhart ahead but Angus Morrison, the North player of the year, equalised by converting a disputed penalty. Bell again put the Drumnadrochit side ahead but Michael MacIntosh levelled nine minutes into the second half.

Lochaber then steadily gained the ascendancy in midfield and Morrison deceived Billy MacLeod, the veteran Glenurquhart goalkeeper, with a fine strike to put them ahead. Lochaber were to be denied their semi-final place when Alrlie MacIntosh, who had come on as a late substitute, snatched a goal seven minutes from time to level the tie.

The sides have been ordered to replay at Drumnadrochit on Wednesday evening. Lochaber appealed against this decision but it was upheld at an emergency meeting of the Camanachd Association executive, held after the presentation of the MacTavish Cup at Inverness.

RESULTS: Glenmorangie Camanachd Cup quarter-final: Lochaber 3 Glenurquhart 3. Bank of Scotland MacTavish Cup final: Fort William 1 Kingussie 2. Bank of Scotland Glasgow Celtic Society Cup: Semi-final: Kyles Athletic 0 Oban Camanachd 2. Marine Harvest Leagues: North: First division: Beauly 2 Skye 3; Lovat 2 Newtonmore 4. Third division: Glenurquhart 2 Lovat 1, Kingussie 5 Beauly 0. Fourth division: Glengarry 2 Caberfeidhe 1; Kilmallie 3 Kinlochshiel 1, Kincraig 1 Lochcarron 5; Strathglass 1 Aberdeen University 4. South: First division: Ballachulish 1 Glasgow Mid Argyll 2; Kilmory 1 Oban Celtic 5. Third division: Lochside Rovers, Inveraray 2.

Prayers for wind answered at last



Lawrie Smith, the skipper of *Intrum Justitia*, explains why the crew are living on half-rations

It has been a torrid week. Ten days ago, we were leading this fifth leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race to Fort Lauderdale and the 60-foot class overall. Today, we are mercifully back in second place in class after a week spent sweating it out in the humid heat of the equator, searching desperately for wind and luck.

At one point, our Whitbread 60 class yacht, *Intrum Justitia*, had slipped to sixth on the water and fourth in class, confronting us with the task of clawing back the best part of 280 miles on Ross Field's leading entry, *Yamaha*, over the final 2,500 miles through the Caribbean. We know it is possible. *Intrum* has enjoyed a similar lead on four occasions on previous legs, only to have the fleet catch us up.

But for the past week, fortune has certainly been running *Yamaha's* way. Five days ago, Field and his crew took the gamble of cutting northwards to break through the Doldrums. Initially it failed to pay off, but within 48 hours they had found the north-east trades and were charging ahead at ten knots — which was double our speed. During this race four years ago, we played the same tactic to *Yamaha* and lost the wind and lead to *Steinlager*, whose crew had stayed closer inshore and benefited from the favourable Brazilian current. This time the stream is carrying us along at two knots but the wind failed us miserably.

I dreamt of steep seas, surfing at 30 knots and clinging on for dear life on a windswept deck in the Southern Ocean, then woke up in a sweat to find that the real nightmare was right outside where mirror-calm seas reflected our limp and windless sails.

At the lowest point during the week, we were parked all night while our rivals sailed rings around us and *Yamaha*, our closest competitor for overall victory, gained more than 50 miles.

The most frustrating example came while *Intrum* was glued to the water last week and Javier de la Gandara's Spanish entry, *Galicia 93 Pescanova*, came from four miles behind to sail right round us. By dawn the next day she was 27 miles ahead. When that sort of ill-luck strikes three days running, you begin to question if there is any justice in this world.

Right now, life is looking a shade rosier. We are back in second place and sailing at 13.6 knots — the fastest within the fleet and, more importantly, 0.7 knots better than *Yamaha*. But with 191 miles separating us, that is still a lot to make up over the final 2,000 miles to Fort Lauderdale.

To add to our troubles, we are running short of food. Having dispensed with photographer Rick Tomlinson and Marcus Mosticlin, our Finnish cook, in the interests of lightening ship for this leg, Marcus appears to have taken this weight paring to extreme by skimping drastically on the stores.

As a result, we are already on half-rations in an effort to eke out what little we have for the remaining week at sea. Now, if we are not dreaming of wind, then it is the next meal of freeze-dried gruel that fills the subconscious — along with pictures of Marcus seated safely ashore, pigging himself on T-bone steak and fries. If this 5,500 mile leg takes longer than 24 days, then we will run out of food completely. Not a pleasant thought.

We took to throwing our loose change overboard as a time-honoured offering to King Neptune. Luckily for the culprit outboard who keeps sampling the following day's rations of Mars bars, it seemed to work. If it hadn't we were desperate enough to have tried a human sacrifice!

□ *Lawrie Smith, 38, won an Olympic yachting bronze medal in 1992. He has twice been an America's Cup skipper and this is his third Whitbread race. He is writing exclusively for* The Times *on the race.*

Intrum closing in as challengers falter

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

AS THE leading yachts, headed by Ross Field's New Zealand 60-footer *Yamaha*, made the most of the north-east trade winds yesterday to close to within 2,000 miles of Fort Lauderdale and the finish of this taxing fifth stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race, tales of damage and despair continued to flow from within the fleet.

Dawn Riley's all-female crew on *Heineken* suffered a broken rudder for the second successive leg and Eric Tabarly's team on *La Poste*, the French maxi, lost its forestay. The French crew quickly rigged up a temporary stay, but the *Heineken* girls were not so lucky.

Riley said: "Leah Newbold, who was at the helm, felt something strange. We immediately checked the steering cable and quadrant but found nothing wrong. Then we looked over the side and saw a crack in the rudder." The American skipper jumped over the side with crew-mate Merrit Carey to see if they could shore it up, but with the bottom third of the blade at a 90 degree angle to the rest of the rudder, they had no option but to break it off.

Back at the front of the fleet, *Intrum Justitia*, skippered by Lawrie Smith, is making a race of it against *Yamaha*. Smith's European 60-footer moved from fourth to second in class over the weekend, averaging 13.6 knots against *Yamaha's* 12.9 knots. In the 24 hours to yesterday afternoon, *Intrum* covered 323 miles, 14 more than *Yamaha*, and her crew are looking to close the gap over the final 2,000 miles to have a chance of reclaiming the overall lead.

POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Fort Lauderdale): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 1,993 miles; 2, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 2,149; 3, Steinlager (G Melvin, It) 2,165; 4, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 2,188; 5, Winston (S Butterworth, US) 2,270; 6, Heineken (D Riley, US) 2,334; 7, Hasseldalen Satisfactory (E Poston, Uru) 2,402; 8, Odessa (A Vecsi, Uru) 2,698; 9, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 3,208; 10, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 3,258. Maxi class: 1, Matt Cup (F Peterment, Swed) 2,022; 2, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dallas, NZ) 2,082; 3, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 2,293; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanini, Uru) 2,540.

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Senna forced out of Pacific Grand Prix after collision at first corner

Schumacher sweeps to emphatic success

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN AIDA, JAPAN

MICHAEL Schumacher sang the aria, Ayrton Senna droned the dirge. The victor and the vanquished, they spun separate yarns of joy and pique in the hills of Honshu here yesterday. Senna's tale turned on an incident barely beyond the prologue of the first Pacific Grand Prix; Schumacher's spanned the entire race.

While the young German danced a jig on the top step of the podium, celebrating a second successive win in his Benetton-Ford that put him 20 points ahead of the Brazilian, Senna was engaged in a familiar ritual backstage. There is something about him and Japan that does not mix



PASCAL BONDEAU

Senna's Williams-Renault, left, is nudged further into the gravel by Larini's Ferrari after colliding initially with Hakkinen in the Pacific Grand Prix yesterday

TAG HEUER

RESULT (69 laps, 307.349km): 1, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton, 1hr 46min 01.693 sec (av speed 173.9 kph); 2, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1hr 47 16.993sec; 3, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan, 1 lap behind; 4, C Fittipaldi (Br), Footwork, 1 lap; 5, H-H Frentzen (Ger), Sauber, 1 lap; 6, E Comas (Fr), Larrousse, 3 laps; 7, J Herbert (GB), Lotus, 3 laps; 8, P Lamy (Por), Lotus, 4 laps; 9, O Panis (Fr), Ligier, 5 laps; 10, E Bernard (Fr), Ligier, 5 laps; 11, R Ratzenberger (Austria), Simtek, 5 laps. Fastest lap: Schumacher 1min 14.023sec (180 kph).

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS (after two rounds): Drivers: 1, Schumacher, 20pts; 2, Barrichello, 7; equal 3; D Hill (GB), Williams, G Berger (Austria), 6; 5, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 4; 6, Fittipaldi, 3; equal 7, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell, Frentzen, 2; equal 9, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber, Comas, 1. Constructors: 1, Benetton, 20pts; 2, Ferrari, 10; 3, Jordan, 7; 4, Williams, 6; equal 5, Footwork, Sauber, 3; 7, Tyrrell, 2; 8, Larrousse, 1.

and his experience at the remote Tanaka International Circuit melded all the elements of a string of previous incidents together.

For some in the crowd of 55,000 that had been bussed here from the cities of western Japan, there was justice in the sight of Mika Hakkinen nudging him gently but inescapably into the gravel as they sped into the first corner. The memory of his premeditated collision with Alain Prost seconds after the start of the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka in 1990 still burns bright in many minds.

Senna complained to the stewards about the incident and then became involved in an exchange with Hakkinen that could have escalated into a reprise of his violent altercation with Eddie Irvine at the Suzuka race last season had the young Finn not decided to walk away rather than argue his case.

"I went to see him to say sorry to him," Hakkinen said after the race. "Not because I felt I was wholely in the wrong but because it was the right thing to do. He replied to me but I do not want to mention what words he used. Let us just say it was not in a positive way. As far as I am concerned it was a pure racing accident."

By the time Senna had completed the trudge from the gravel trap to the stewards' office, muttering darkly about an over abundance of irresponsible young drivers in the grand prix ranks, Schumacher had flown through ten laps and opened up a lead of more than nine seconds on Hakkinen, his nearest challenger.

He was never seriously threatened during the 83-lap race and won by more than 75 seconds from Gerhard Berger, in a Ferrari. Rubens Barrichello prompted wild celebrations at Jordan when he claimed his and the team's first podium position. With Damon Hill having to retire after 51 laps with a transmission problem, Williams-Renault, the omnipotent team last year, have gathered just six points from the first two races. Senna has failed to finish either, has looked far from the invincible favourite many expected and must be wondering if his dream move came a year too late.

Although the Brazilian, three times the world champion, qualified in the 64th pole position of his career, he never seemed confident of beating Schumacher. There is a vibrancy about Schumacher and Benetton now that Williams lack. "After I saw Senna was off the road," Schumacher said, "I was worried that they would stop the race. I was relieved when I saw no red flags at the end of the first lap. From then on, I knew I really only had to finish to win. But I think Williams are still favourites for the championship."

Schumacher comfortably beat Senna, whose wheels were spinning wildly, to the first corner and, as Senna appeared to brake early, Hakkinen, who had got a flying start, slid into the back of him. Nicola Larini, Jean Alesi's substitute at Ferrari, was unable to avoid him and shunted him further into the gravel. There was no way back.

Within four laps, Hill had Hakkinen troubles his own. He tried to overtake him on the outside, coming out of the tight hairpin at the end of the straight, and when the Finn blocked his move, he spun.

Hakkinen's race ended after 21 laps when his McLaren-Peugeot, which has yet to finish a grand prix, developed hydraulic problems. Hill fought his way back up the field from ninth to second place but by then he was nearly a lap behind Schumacher. It became academic when he was forced to retire.

Martin Brundle drove a fine, controlled race in the other McLaren and was heading for a podium finish when the car overheated 15 laps from the end. It was left to Johnny Herbert to fly the flag for Britain, dragging his uncompetitive Lotus around to finish seventh.



Schumacher celebrates victory flanked by Barrichello, right, and Berger

Mansell deprived of record and pole position

PAUL Tracy, of Canada, smashed Nigel Mansell's track record in leading the Penske team to the top three places in qualifying for yesterday's Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach IndyCar race.

Tracy, Al Unser Jr and the Brazilian, Emerson Fittipaldi, relegated Mansell, the fastest in the first practice session, to fourth place even though he improved on Friday's time.

Tracy, the defending champion, drove a Penske Ilmor, delivered last Monday, and improved from seventh on Friday with a time of 52.780sec (108.450mph), breaking Mansell's record of 52.903sec set last year. It was his second successive pole position this season.

"I'm not too disappointed," Mansell said. "It was what we expected. I thought that the Penske team had something else up their sleeve. I did all I could."

The three Penskes are closely bunched. Unser, four times a winner at Long Beach, had a lap of 52.801sec while Fittipaldi's best time was 52.849sec. He would have been faster had he not run short of fuel.

Mansell, who hit a tyre wall in the morning's unofficial practice, followed in 52.915sec in his Lola Ford Cosworth.

Tracy, 25, fastest qualifier for the fifth time in his IndyCar career, said: "This was a brand new car that was flown in from England. It's been a constant struggle since it arrived. The crew worked for 48 hours to get it ready. We had some teething problems on Friday but the crew kept working and working and everything came together today."

Looking ahead to the 105-lap event on the Californian street circuit, Tracy said, "We're awfully close. It should be a great race. It's going to be a pressure cooker out there."

LEADING QUALIFYING TIMES (105 miles, 166.95-laps): 1, P Tracy (Can) Penske Ilmor 52.780sec (108.450mph); 2, A Unser Jr (US) Penske Ilmor 52.801; 3, E Fittipaldi (Bra) Penske Ilmor 52.849; 4, N Mansell (GB) Lola Ford Cosworth 52.915; 5, R Gordon (US) Lola Ford Cosworth 52.938; 6 Mario Andretti (US) Lola Ford Cosworth, 53.577; 7, R Boesel (Bra) Lola Ford Cosworth 53.578; 8, M Guggelmin (Bra) Reynard Ford Cosworth 53.668; 9, Michael Andretti (US) Reynard Ford Cosworth 53.689; 10, S Johansson (Swe) Penske Ilmor 53.758.

Guildford rally in late rescue attempt

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

PROLONGED scrutiny of a videotape of the second leg of the Budweiser basketball league play-off against London Towers gave Kevin Cadle just the information that Guildford Kings needed to rescue a depressing season.

A television engagement had kept Cadle, the Guildford coach, away from the middle match of his club's quarter-final series but he saw enough on tape to realise where his players had gone wrong.

In consequence, Guildford ran away with the decisive third leg, 66-53, at the Spectrum Arena on Saturday to join Derby Bucks, Manchester Giants and Worthing in the play-off finals at Wembley later this month.

"We had to make a few adjustments," Cadle said. "We had to control the tempo. In fact, we had to play as ugly as possible."

Joel Moore, who scored 20 points for London the previous week, was double-teamed by any combination of Ronnie Baker, Karl Brown and Alton Byrd, and contributed only six points.

Guildford led for all but a few seconds, inflicting most of the damage with a 16-4 burst in the second quarter that set up their 40-26 lead at half-time. London then could not reduce the difference by more than seven points.

Brown, with 16 points, led Guildford's scorers. Martin Henlan had 19 rebounds and ten points and Julio Politi scored 11 points after returning from three weeks at home in Argentina while he recovered from a bruised ankle.

Worthing had no trouble confirming their Wembley place. The holders defeated Leicester City Riders 104-77 to complete a 2-0 victory in their quarter-final series.

Pakistan maintain impressive form

PAKISTAN, the World Cup holders, beat United Arab Emirates, the host country, by nine wickets in Sharjah yesterday to continue their impressive form in the Australasia Cup.

Having defeated India by six wickets in their first match, Pakistan led group A and now play the winners of today's match between New Zealand and Sri Lanka in the semi-finals. India, who came second in the group, take on Australia in the first semi-final of the six-nation tournament tomorrow.

The Emirates, who won the ICC Trophy in Kenya last month to qualify for the 1996 World Cup, found Pakistan's versatile bowling attack too hot to handle and were bundled out for 145 after electing to bat first.

Pakistan made light of the easy target of less than three runs an over, racing to victory in the 24th over of the 50-overs-a-side match.

Aamir Sohail led the way with a breezy unbeaten 51 off 67 balls, Saeed Anwar chipped in with 39 off 28 balls and Inzamam-ul-Haq contributed 50 not out.

Salim Malik, the Pakistan captain, and Wasim Akram and Ata-ur-Rehman, the fast bowlers, each took three wickets to dismiss the Emirates. Wasim conceded just 19 runs in his ten overs.

Australia reached the semi-finals by beating New Zealand by seven wickets on Saturday. After Shane Warne, the leg spinner, and Damien Fleming, the medium pace bowler, had each taken four wickets to restrict New Zealand to a modest 207 for nine, David Boon, 68, and Matthew Hayden, 67, built the platform for Australia's victory with a second-wicket stand of 123.

India announced yesterday that Sunil Gavaskar will manage the team for the remainder of the tournament, as replacement for Ajit Wadekar, who is in hospital after a mild heart attack.

Saturday

NEW ZEALAND

S A Young c and b Fleming	63
S R Hartland lbw b Warne	23
M W Douglas lbw b Warne	0
S P Fleming c Taylor b Fleming	35
S A Thomson c Taylor b Fleming	32
†A C Parore c and b Warne	12
C Z Harris lbw b Warne	14
*G R Larsen not out	9
M N Hart c Hayden b Fleming	2
D K Morrison b McGrath	2
C Pringle not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 2, nb 4)	13
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	207

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-75, 3-125, 4-134, 5-169, 6-183, 7-191, 8-201, 9-203.

BOWLING: Reiffel 10-0-35-0, McGrath 10-0-44-1, S Waugh 10-1-49-0, Warne 10-0-34-4, D Fleming 10-0-39-4

AUSTRALIA

M J Slater b Morrison	0
M L Hayden c Harris b Pringle	67
D C Boon c sub (Nash) b Thomson	68
M G Bevan not out	39
J L Langer not out	20
Extras (lb 11, w 3)	14
Total (3 wkts, 47.5 overs)	208

*M A Taylor, S R Waugh, D Fleming, G D McGrath, S K Warne and P R Reiffel did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-123, 3-166.

BOWLING: Morrison 6-2-22-1, Pringle 9.5-1-43-1, Larsen 9-0-42-0, Harris 6-0-25-0, Hart 7-0-26-0, Thomson 10-2-39-1

Man of the match: S K Warne

Yesterday

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Riaz Poonawalla c Rashid b Ata-ur	22
Azher Saeed c Akram b Wasim	0
Mazhar Hussain c Rashid b Ata-ur	10
Vijay Mehra c Sohail b Salim	5
Mohammad Ishaq c Rashid b Salim	4
Saleem Raza c Akram b Wasim	18
Johanne Samarasekera not out	31
Arshad Laiq c Wasim b Salim	31
*Sultan Zarawani run out	9
Imtiaz Abbasi b Wasim	2
Sohail Butt b Ata-ur	2
Extras (lb 2, w 10, nb 4)	16
Total (49.5 overs)	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-40, 3-45, 4-45, 5-55, 6-88, 7-125, 8-138, 9-141.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 10-1-19-3; Aqib Javed 10-2-29-0; Ata-ur-Rehman 9.5-0-32-3; Salim Malik 10-1-42-3; Akram Raza 10-3-21-0.

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar c Poonawalla b Raza	39
Aamir Sohail not out	51
Inzamam-ul-Haq not out	50
Extras (lb 2, w 4)	6
Total (1 wkt, 23.1 overs)	146

*Salim Malik, Basit Ali, Asif Mujtaba, Wasim Akram, †Rashid Latif, Akram Raza, Ata-ur-Rehman and Aqib Javed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-76.

BOWLING: Samarasekera 5-0-31-0; Butt 3-0-27-0; Laiq 4-0-25-0; Raza 3-1-17-1; Saeed 4.1-0-18-0; Zarawani 4-0-28-0.

Pakistan won by nine wickets.

Man of the match: Ata-ur-Rehman.

Nine-goal Jennings fires Army through

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

THE ARMY clinched a place in the quarter-finals of the Norwich Union hockey county championship with a 4-1 victory over Worcestershire at Aldershot yesterday.

In four pool matches at this venue, the Army scored 21 goals — nine of them from Jennings — and conceded six to finish ahead of Worcestershire, Wiltshire, Dorset and Bedfordshire.

Everything depended on the last match of the day with the Army needing only a draw and Worcestershire a victory. Worcestershire, whose game fell below expectation, were outmanoeuvred by the Army who led 3-0 at the interval with a goal by Hazlitt and two by Jennings, all from short corners. Wood increased the lead early in the second half leaving Sandles to score a late consolation goal for Worcestershire.

Earlier in the day, Worcestershire had beaten Wiltshire 4-2 after leading 2-0 at half time. Dale-Smith, who usually plays for the Royal Navy, scored two goals for Worcestershire from penalty strokes. Jennings scored three for the Army in a 7-1 victory over Bedfordshire.

The qualifiers from the pool matches played at other venues were Cheshire, Essex, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Surrey, Lancashire and Shropshire.

Staffordshire, last year's champions, won all four matches at Cannock. Despite losing 2-1 to Durham, Cheshire, who were runners-up last year, finished on top of the pool at Plymouth after a 6-1 victory over Devon.

The issue at Woking also depended on the last match of the day in which Surrey defeated Middlesex 6-0, with Hall scoring three goals.

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Depression deepens at Tottenham

Leeds United.....2
Tottenham Hotspur.....0

By Peter Ball

TOTTENHAM Hotspur's problems proliferated on a wind-swept, bumpy Elland Road yesterday afternoon. Two goals from Rod Wallace, one brilliant, one dubious, left them facing an increasingly dire position at the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership table.

The result leaves them in eighteenth place, above Southampton on goal difference and only two points clear of Oldham Athletic, who have two games in hand. Their matches against Oldham on Wednesday and Southampton on Saturday will be crucial.

"We have four crucial games coming up," Osvaldo Ardiles, the Tottenham manager, said. "The next two are going to be six-pointers and we have to show the same spirit, the same stomach for the fight."

There was little sign yesterday of where Tottenham will find the points they need. They have won only three games of the past 15 and yesterday was their fourth consecutive defeat. The high hopes of early season have disappeared in the depression which settled over White Hart Lane from the moment Teddy Sheringham limped off Old Trafford in October.

Since then they have won only four times in the Premiership. Sheringham, who remains their leading scorer, was back for his second full game since the injury, and looked willing enough, but the sharpness of the autumn was missing and he received little support. Rosenthal, as he does so often, ran into cul-de-sacs and Anderton, after a few flickering moments, gave way to a groin injury.

Most worrying was the team's apparent acceptance of their fate. Nobody wants to see a Spurs team kicking their way to safety, but their acquiescence did not bode well for what are likely to be dogfights this week, and even sticking to the principles of good football does not lift an obligation to defend with more organisation than they showed yesterday.

"It's hard when you're down there; you think every mistake is being punished," Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, said. "They've got good players but you've got to compete, haven't you?"

Yet, for a time in this typical end-of-season match, Leeds seemed there for the taking, as Spurs had a deceptively bright start. The Yorkshire team initially looked as if they had decided their season was over, but as soon as they began to ask questions of the Tottenham defence some alarming cracks began to appear.

The most worrying were at the heart, Deane's pace and power leaving Scott and Mabbutt looking incapable of resisting him. But when Speed sent Deane running between the central defenders, a perfectly struck shot came back off the posts and Thorstvedt proved equal to two subsequent efforts. After the interval Spurs briefly rallied, but the game was decided to all intents and purposes by a couple of incidents around the hour. Roger Milford ignored a spat between McAllister and Howells, and the Leeds captain was lucky to stay on the field after an angry kick at Howells.

A couple of minutes later Wallace scored his fine goal, picking the ball up inside his own half, looking trapped on the touchline and then escaping with a wriggle and a twist as three Tottenham defenders sold themselves badly. Wallace sped on, cut in and, as Mabbutt backed off, curled the ball beyond Thorstvedt.

Wallace's second goal was much more suited to the mundane match. After a lot of aimless play, McAllister, looking offside, was allowed to run clear and although Scott intercepted his low centre, he only succeeded in teeing it up for Wallace.

LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2): J Lukic; G Kelly, J Newsome, D Wetherall, K Sharp — D White, C Fairclough, G McAllister, G Speed — R Wallace, B Deane.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-1-3-2): E Thorstvedt; D Austin, G Mabbutt, K Scott, J Edinburgh — D Howells — D Anderton (S Campbell 78min), J Dozzell, S Sedgley (M Hazard 68min) — E Sheringham, R Rosenthal.
Referee: R Milford.

MARC ASPLAND



Wetherall, of Leeds, keeps the ball out of reach of Sheringham, the Tottenham striker, who received little support yesterday

Everton's morale flags as decline continues

Queens Park Rangers ... 2
Everton 1

By Alyson Rudd

SHOULD competitive team sport be compulsory? It should on Merseyside. As a disjointed Liverpool slip towards mid-table, a dislocated Everton slide towards the first division.

Mike Walker, the Everton manager, must be aware of the need to improve teamwork and morale. His assertion that he could not blame his players for the defeat, and his insistence that the equaliser by Queens Park Rangers should not have been allowed, seem to have been designed to lift flagging spirits.

Walker says it was obvious that White punched the ball over the line. It was not at all obvious. Far more patent was that Everton had conceded a goal three minutes after taking the lead, having thought that they had done enough to capture the points. Southall failed to cut out Holloway's cross and the Everton defence played statues as the ball bobbled between Ferdinand and White.

The visitors had no higher gear to shift into. Rangers did and, having spent much of the game toying with the notion of victory, made sure of it with Ferdinand's late strike.

Quite how Walker could improve matters with only three games left, is difficult to fathom. In signing Limpar, was Walker making a clear commitment to skills and attractive football? And if so, why did he bring Angell to the club?

A key moment came just before half-time, when Limpar skipped with the ball to the edge of the area and Angell pulled away into space on his left. Limpar saw the opening, considered it, and rejected it, waiting instead for Cottee to lose his marker. Brett Angell sounds like a character from *Thunderbirds* and all too frequently resembled one.

Meanwhile, Limpar is operating in a desert at Everton. He needs players to interact with, to complement not block his vision. Cottee twice came close and ran on to Limpar's chip over the Rangers' defence to score the opening goal.

"He knows it, everybody else knows it," Walker said in relation to White's alleged handball.

With the likes of Tottenham Hotspur and Oldham Athletic having matches in hand, and a clash with Wimbledon in prospect on the final day of the season, Everton are in trouble. He knows it, and everybody else knows it.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): A Roberts — D Bardsley, K Ready, S Yates, C Wilson — A Impey, I Holloway, R Wilkins (sub: S Barker, 90min), T Sinclair — L Ferdinand, D White.
EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — I Snodin, D Watson, M Jackson, G Ablett — G Stuart, B Horne, J Ebbrell, A Limpar — A Cottee, B Angell.
Referee: M Bodenham.

Palace go up after Forest recover for a draw

Millwall.....2
Nottingham Forest.....2

By Keith Pike

NERVES may be fraying among clubs near the foot of the Premiership, but yesterday they snapped altogether as two of those teams striving to replace them collided at the New Den in a match featuring four goals, seven cautions, a sending-off and two minor but menacing pitch invasions.

When the dust had settled, Crystal Palace could be seen celebrating their return to the top flight one season after relegation, with Nottingham Forest strong favourites to emulate the achievement after a draw that leaves them six points clear of Leicester City, the team in third place in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, with five games to go.

For Millwall, the play-offs remain the most likely route to the promised land. Desperate for the win that would have moved them up to third and delayed Palace's promotion party, they led twice and for the last 20 minutes were playing against ten men after Lyttle, the Forest full back, had been rather unluckily dismissed for his second bookable offence. But with six minutes to go, Stone's near-post header from Woan's cross flew past Keller to secure the point Forest probably deserved.

It was the performance of Stan Collymore, though, that had Millwall at full stretch throughout an absorbing and eventful encounter. Even when Millwall were at their fluent best, they were never able to fully contain the former Palace striker. It was Collymore's 52nd-minute goal, his 22nd in 29 games, that turned the match and eventually delighted both his present and former clubs, coming when he swivelled to score from close range after Tiler had headed down a corner.

That goal cancelled out the lead Moralee had given Millwall after seven minutes. He headed home at the far post after a sweeping move, and it was another excellent header, this time from Mitchell, that restored the Londoners' lead on the hour.

Stone's late equaliser prompted the second of two small-scale pitch invasions, play continuing around a mêlée of police and stewards trying to arrest one supporter while mounted police helped keep rival supporters apart. Tough at the bottom it might be, but the tension at the top can be even more acute.

MILLWALL (4-3-1-2): K Keller — K Cunningham, P van den Hauwe, K Stevens, I Dawes — A Rae, A Roberts, E Vervoet — C Allen — J Moralee, D Mitchell.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M Crossley — D Lyttle, S Chettle, C Tiler, S Pearce — S Stone, D Phillips, S Gemmill, I Woan — J Lee, S Collymore.
Referee: A Smith.

Suffering Sheffield cry out for yesterday's hero

Sheffield United 1
Aston Villa 2

By Russell Kempson

TONY Currie, revered Bramall Lane old boy, knew how to play a bit. Foot on the ball, glance into the distance, measured backlift, slide-rule pass. If Sheffield United still had somebody with half his vision or even a quarter of his skill, they would not be about to bid farewell to the FA Carling Premiership.

Currie teased and tormented opponents, for Sheffield United, Leeds United and England, in the Seventies. A rare blend of heavenly invention and infuriating luxury, yet always the entertainer. Today, he watches from the sidelines — he is the club's community programme supervisor — as United plummet into the Endsleigh Insurance League pit. It is not a pleasant sight.

Whereas Swindon Town paint pretty pictures in defeat, Oldham Athletic charge forever forward and Southampton indulge Matthew Le Tissier, United have little to commend them on their way. Honest graft, the key to past escapes, is no longer good enough. Time is up.

"The situation is becoming increasingly difficult," Dave Bassett, the United manager, said. "We just didn't have any urgency. Don't ask me why. I just don't know." It is hard to dislike Bassett. He breeds teams of limited ability on limited budgets, asks them to scrap for Premiership morsels and yet retains a jovial, if often basic, sense of dignity as all around him crumbles. At another club with the millions of a Walker or Hayward to play with, he might be able to prove his true pedigree in the managerial jungle.

At Bramall Lane on Saturday, United's revival of eight unbeaten matches — six draws, two wins — was exposed as no more than a solid sequence still destined to climax in grief. Even a seventeenth-minute opener from Littlejohn, when he stooped to head in Flo's flick, was swiftly erased six minutes later when Richardson claimed the first league goal from an Aston Villa player in eight matches. Sixty seconds later, 19-year-old Fenton rounded Tracey to tap in his first Villa goal.

United's efforts at redressing the balance, against a Villa side shorn of Bosnich, McGrath, Saunders and Atkinson by injury, smacked of desperation. Whitehouse offered the occasional glimpse of ingenuity but, with everybody committed to one last push, cavernous holes appeared.

Had the makeshift front pairing of Fenton and Beinlich been sharper, Villa would have won at a canter. The United supporters knew it, and made for the exits long before the end.

"Keep going," Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, said as he brushed past Bassett in the dressing-room area. He had been checking the form of his Villa trio — Staunton, Houghton and Townsend — for the World Cup warm-up in Holland on Wednesday, a planet away from United's predicament.

Currie also stalked the same corridor, collecting players' signatures on an autographed football. If only he was still kicking it around ...

SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-4-2): S Tracey — C Bradshaw, B Gayle, D Tuttle, R Nilsen — F Carr (sub: N Blake, 65min), P Rogers, J Gannon (sub: G Hodges, 65), D Whitehouse — J Flo, A Littlejohn.
ASTON VILLA (4-1-3-2): N Spink — E Barrett, U Ehiogu, S Teale, S Staunton — K Richardson — R Houghton, A Townsend, D Farrell (sub: A Daley, 78) — S Beinlich, G Fenton.
Referee: G Poll.

Lack of discipline clouds Ferguson's future

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

The phantom squad is often more intriguing than the real one. The Scotland players gathered at Clyde's Broadwood Stadium yesterday, prior to the midweek match with Austria in Vienna, but it was easy to think of an absent set of footballers who might have been representing their country.

Injury and the vagaries of form are responsible for many casualties, but there are also other, more disturbing cases. On Saturday Britain's most expensive player, Rangers' £4 million signing, Duncan Ferguson, moved further away than ever from a place in Scotland's plans. He did so by moving all too close to Raith Rovers' John McStay.

After 33 minutes of Rangers' 4-0 victory, and following some trivial wrestling for possession, Ferguson butted McStay. The immediate consequences for Rangers were scandalously benign as the referee, Kenny Clark, confined himself to ticking off both players.

Ferguson took advantage of the reprieve to score his first goal for the club soon after the interval. There were to be no denunciations by his employers afterwards, with Walter Smith, the manager, stating that he had not seen the incident since he was walking from the stand to the trackside at the time.

Depending on the report of the referee supervisor at the match, the SFA could still take action against Ferguson. All such bustle and hubbub, however, are of minor importance compared to the long-term implications. Once again there are doubts as to the forward's suitability for serious sport.

The rancid-vested Rab C. Nesbitt may have persuaded television viewers that a butt is a bit of a giggle but anyone at Ibrox was reminded of the repellent nature of such thuggishness. The action also betrayed an utter lack of self-discipline on Ferguson's part. Nor was this a freak transgression.

Previous offences off the field have seen him dealt with by the courts and, on the last occasion, there were even fears that a custodial sentence might be imposed. Nobody suggests that he is, to borrow Sherlock Holmes' terms, the "Napoleon of crime". His hobby of keeping racing pigeons might even demonstrate a certain mildness of character.

Most people in the game have him listed under the heading "daft boy". Even before he bought Ferguson last summer, Smith was sympathetic towards the forward who had acquired the nickname "Duncan Disorderly". The Rangers manager went so far as to list a few of his own eminent players who had once attracted the judiciary's attention. Youth and celebrity, Smith wished to point out, have always been a volatile compound.

All the same, Smith's mouth must go dry at the thought of the consequences for his £4 million investment should the 22-year-old Ferguson fail to mature. Irresponsibility may not be the greatest of failings but it is still quite sufficient to devastate a career.

Openly or privately, everybody, including the club itself, admits that Rangers paid too much for Ferguson. As much as his talent, the price reflected Rangers' need, given the Uefa restriction on foreign players, for any effective Scot. Nonetheless, Ferguson does possess genuinely valuable attributes.

He is tall and bony but largely free of the damaging side-effects associated with such a physique. The goal on Saturday confirmed that he is quick off the mark and well co-ordinated with the ball at his feet. For all that, Ferguson's gifts could still be smothered by his recklessness.

Yesterday, with Gordon Durie, Paul McStay, Phil O'Donnell and David Robertson all injured, the national coach, Craig Brown, still preferred to call Aberdeen's Duncan Shearer into his pool. The evidence regarding Ferguson's true worth is slender.

He has not scored in six appearances with Scotland and his only international goal came for the under-21 side against Malta. Those who believe in him point instead to an incident in a match against Germany last Ferguson's gangling body was impressively compact as he hung in the air to deliver a hitch-kick from which which Andreas Koepke made a thrilling save.

Which incident will provide the most telling harbinger of Ferguson's future, that strike at the ball or his assault on McStay?

Semi-final scars evident as Allen stuns Oldham

Oldham Athletic 1
West Ham United.....2

By Peter Ball

MARK Hughes's last-minute goal at Wembley eight days ago was widely predicted to be the turning point in Manchester United's season. It is threatening to be the turning point in Oldham's.

"I don't want another week like that," Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, said after his side followed their mauling from United in midweek with a defeat by West Ham which pushed them back into the bottom three. The scars were all too evident.

"I think it's the physical tiredness as much as anything," Royle added. "After two hours at Wembley and the tension of the replay, it's been a very heavy week for them."

On Saturday, they went a goal down after two minutes and never recovered. "That first goal was the last thing we needed in this game," Royle said. "That made it very, very hard for us. Normally we'd come storming back but, after what's happened in the last week, I think one or two felt it."

From that moment, on a pitch like a desert or, rather, baked mud, Oldham looked totally deflated against a team they had counted on beating. Problems proliferated throughout the side from the back, where Morley gave Jobson an unhappier afternoon than Hughes and his colleagues had managed, to the front, where even Holden's usually impeccable crossing ability deserted him at dead-ball kicks, which were about the only time he escaped from Breacker long enough to put in a cross.

The opening goal itself was a tale of woe. Oldham should have had a free kick in front of Royle's dug-out. Instead play continued, and Holmes's low cross took a deflection off Fleming to present Allen with the ball six yards out.

That gave West Ham the impetus to control the game with some deadly breaks. On the half-hour Morley broke away from Jobson and, although Hallworth denied him brilliantly, some unthinking defending allowed Allen to pass the ball back in for Morley to score in an unguarded net.



Royle: week to forget

When Oldham did scramble an opening Miklosko made a fine double save to deny Henry and McCarthy, and when he lost the ball Bernard lost his footing with the goal gaping. That summed up Oldham's afternoon. Not even Holden's penalty just before half-time, when Burrows panicked and shoved McCarthy over as he moved to meet Bernard's cross, gave them much encouragement.

After the interval Beckford replaced Pointon to give them three forwards, but all their hustle and bustle came to nothing. The nearest to a goal came at the end as Morley charged down Hallworth's clearance. The ball rebounded into the net but the referee disallowed the strike.

It hardly mattered for West Ham. The win ended their lingering fears of getting dragged down into the relegation struggle. Oldham have the consolation that they have games in hand on all the sides immediately above them, but their performance was worrying.

Wednesday's visit from Tottenham Hotspur is looking increasingly important for both clubs, and Royle has a job to do to lift his players' spirits.

"This isn't the time to lose faith," Royle said. "We're in a lot healthier position than we were this time last year." Then Oldham had to win their last two games to stay up. Similar character should avoid the need for such heroics this time.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC (4-4-2): J Hallworth — C Make, R Jobson, C Fleming, N Pointon (sub: D Beckford, 45min) — P Barnard, M Milligan, N Henry, R Holden — S McCarthy, G Sharp.
WEST HAM UNITED (4-5-1): L Miklosko — T Breacker, A Gale, D Burrows, K Brown — M Rush, M Allen, J Bishop, M Marsh, M Holmes — T Morley.
Referee: K Barratt.

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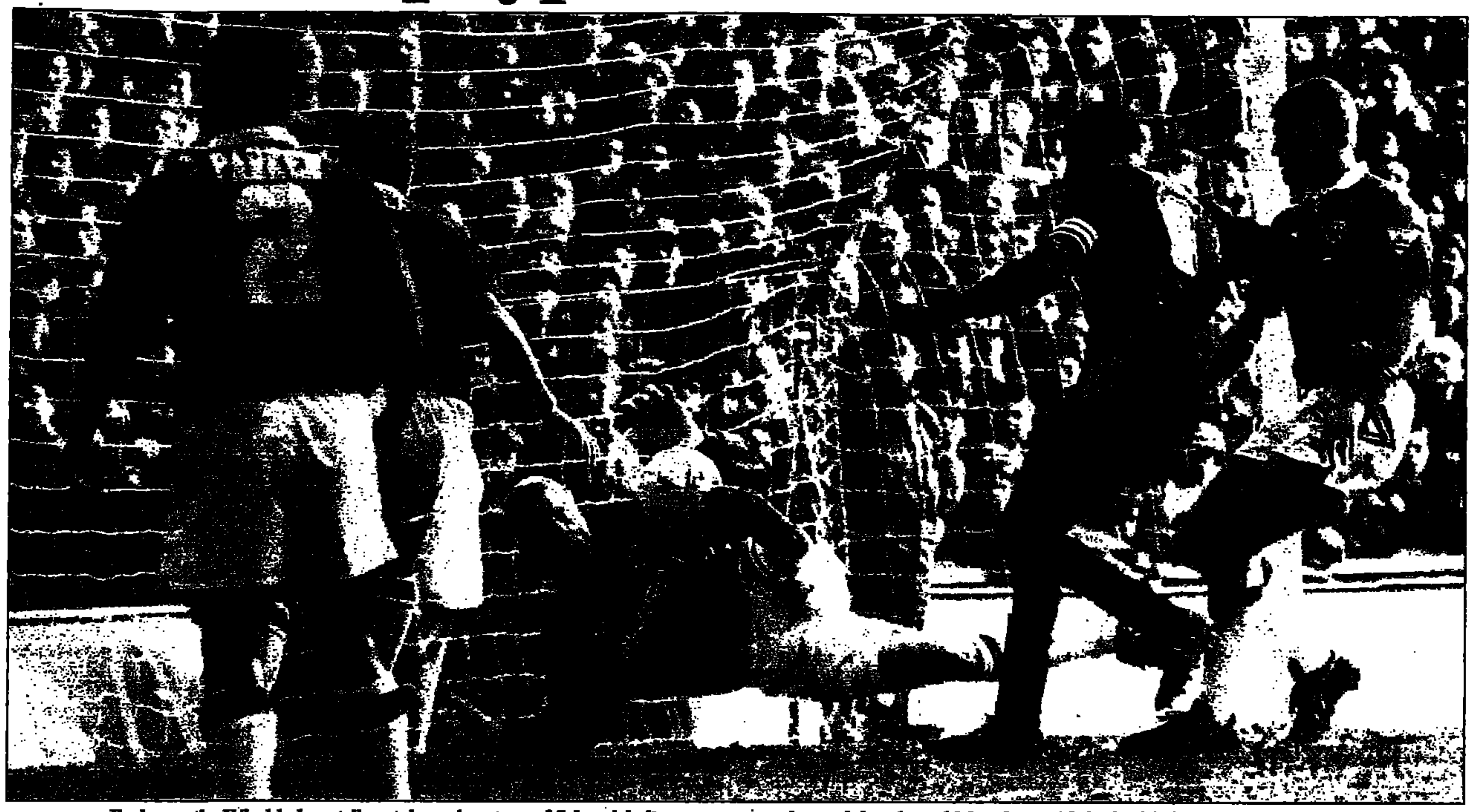
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Fashanu checks champions' progress and consoles challengers after defeat at The Dell

Schmeichel's slip typifies United's fall from grace

Simon Barnes watches Wimbledon capitalise on the Premiership leaders' inconsistency



Fashanu, the Wimbledon striker, takes advantage of Schmeichel's error to score the goal that dented Manchester United's title hopes at Selhurst Park

I think the Crazy Gang is getting crazier — but then it is always a treat to go along and see what this bunch of loonies will come up with next. There is a weird spirit that hangs over them, a feeling that football is a private feud rather than a public entertainment.

They can beat the best in the land on their day, they seem sometimes capable of scaling any height, but they are bedevilled by inconsistency. And they can play a bit of football too, when the mood is upon them. Never forget that.

But the seam of craziness runs very deep. Is it the same craziness that brings sensational victories that also makes for this terrible inconsistency? Is the craziness an asset or is *it*, ultimately, a flair for self-destruction?

For really, the Crazy Gang should have won on Saturday. But they did not; they got beaten by Wimbledon. Manchester United, 1-0 losers at Selhurst Park, have looked increasingly crazy this spring. March hare mad and April foolish. On Saturday they looked well nigh brainsick.

Wimbledon have worked hard to achieve their nickname of the Crazy Gang. United have achieved new levels of craziness with majestic effortlessness. Kicking off at 5pm with the news that Blackburn Rovers, rivals for the championship, had already been soundly beaten, they had the chance to take a giant stride towards settling the matter.

Instead, they gave perhaps the most woeful peformance of their recent woeful run. Wimbledon did not kick them into next week: they simply strung five men across the middle, hung back coyly and left United to sort it out. It was a task a long way beyond them.

Wimbledon played Fashanu as a lone grappler up front, and left him to sort out the United back four. No problem. It was a task he performed with great *éclat*.

The Crazy Gang are supposed to have a more than usually loony goalie and Manchester United certainly have that. Schmeichel is playing like a mixture of Higuita and Grobbelaar, but without their reliability. The United defence was opened up by the sure touch and creative genius of Vinnie Jones, but it took Schmeichel to turn that into a goal. Jones's neat through ball found Elkins, who flicked a zipping cross about three feet off the ground. Schmeichel had come out too far and had to dive behind himself to take it. He flubbed it comprehensively and Fashanu, never a man who minds slumming for goals, bundled it home.

In the second half, United played with great purpose but virtually no effect. A series of appalling crosses and inept passes saw movement after movement break down without the slightest threat of a goal. Time and again, we had some nice chunks of individual skill, but nothing added up. United's clutch has gone: the engine screamed and roared, but there was no movement forward.

Finally, in the last second, Schmeichel decided on a burst of five-star craziness and ran from goal to goal to meet a last-minute corner. He got his header in, too, but it went woefully wide.

It was a case of ten out of ten for style, but nought for execution, particularly as he knocked Bruce off the chance with his run. Bruce, much better placed and rather more renowned as a header of the ball, seemed a trifle miffed.

And so, chastened and bickering among themselves, United sloped off the pitch, still bemused by the fact that football, so easy in autumn and winter, is an appallingly difficult game in the spring. United were deeply puzzled by the way in which football examines character and joint resolve, as well as skills.

United have, for a change, a week without a midweek fixture, which will give them a much-needed chance to rest and regroup. And by Saturday, the Manchester derby, they will have Cantona back. Thus the craziest member of the Crazy Gang will be expected to perform several kinds of miracle over the short, hard sprint to the end of the season.

Cantona has the ability to galvanise a team, to inflame it with self-belief. He can do this over a match; he can do this for half-a-season at a time; crucially, he has done it in the run-in for the championship in the past two seasons, first with Leeds and then with United.

The difference is that this time, he is *expected* to do it. And the emphasis has altered in other ways. Last season it was a great achievement to win the championship; this season, it will be a greater miracle to lose it.

United are getting crazily close to doing just that. United need a fortnight of Cantona in his most glorious genius-or-madman avatar. "Victory is a friend," Cantona said. "A friend you must not betray." But that is what crazy, treacherous United have done. Cantona must teach them how to un-betray victory.

WIMBLEDON (4-5-1): H Segers — W Barton, J Scales, D Blackwell, G Elkins — P Fear, V Jones, R Earle, M Gayle, D Holdsworth — J Fashanu.
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — P Parker (sub: D Dublin, 73min), S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — A Kanchelskis, B Robson (sub: L Sharpe, 64), P Ince, B McClair — R Giggs, M Hughes.
Referee: T Holbrook.

Blackburn left to ponder Ferguson's prediction

Southampton 3
Blackburn Rovers 1

By Keith Pike

PERHAPS Alex Ferguson was right when he said the real test for Blackburn would come not during their pursuit of his team, but when they attempted, finally, to pass it. Events at The Dell on Saturday certainly seemed to vindicate the Manchester United manager's prediction.

No matter that the champions themselves were defeated two hours later, or that the result of this game hinged largely on a handball decision that had Blackburn tearing their hair out. The fact remains that twice in the past three weeks Kenny Dalglish's team has been found wanting when it mattered.

To lose once, as Blackburn did at Selhurst Park when victory would have taken them to level on points with United, could be put down to carelessness. In any case Wimbledon played so superbly that night that few teams could have lived with them. But to lapse again, when the prize for victory was the leadership of the FA Carling Premiership and a guaranteed place in the Uefa Cup, leaves Blackburn open to accusations of lack of character.

Dalglish, predictably, would have none of it. "In the second half, until the penalty decision, I thought we played as well as we have in a long time, if not all season," he said. "I don't think it was a question of letting the pressure get to us. We were just a bit sloppy in the first half, a bit slack, but we still had enough chances to have won the game."

In once sense Dalglish was right, for Blackburn eventually did create the openings to make their other shortcomings irrelevant. But "sloppy" and "slack" hardly do justice to the paucity of their first-half performance, in which their nerves were exposed and their defences breached twice. "Uncompetitive" and "overrun" may be nearer the mark.

Southampton, with a game plan that worked from the start and a Guernsey genius by the name of Le Tissier to run the show, were good value for their interval lead. Batty and Sherwood, the Blackburn power base, were swept aside by a five-man midfield, and as a consequence the wingers were starved of possession. From the moment Le Tissier bent a shot, seemingly at right angles, an inch past the post, it was the team fighting for survival who were more urgent and inventive than the one chasing the championship.

The goal that gave Southampton the 28th-minute lead was a tribute to the power and persistence of their early play — and, inevitably, to the talents of Le Tissier.

Maddison and Magilton chased a lost cause on the touchline, Dowie chested down to Le Tissier, and he set off on one of those languid-looking runs. It seemed destined to produce nothing until he lofted a superb cross on to Dowie's forehead.

It was Dowie's first goal under Alan Ball and when, ten minutes later, Paul Allen — from Le Tissier's pass — scored his first under any Southampton manager, Blackburn were in trouble. But where there's Beasant, there's hope for any team playing Southampton, and early in the second half the accident-prone goalkeeper was too late to get down to an optimistic left-foot shot from Ripley.

Now, briefly, we saw the best of Blackburn and the best of Beasant. Earlier, he had made a vital double save from Shearer and Newell, as well as almost fluffing a shot by May on the halfway line. As Blackburn took charge Beasant was saving goals from all directions, with excellent efforts to deny Berg and Shearer atoning for his earlier blunder.

With Blackburn's momentum having been given to them rather than earned, so it was snatched away midway through the half, when Joe Worrall, the referee, adjudged Sherwood to have handled when Dowie headed goalwards from a corner. The midfield player insisted later that the ball had hit him on the chin, and television evidence presented a strong case for the defence.

If the award of a penalty was contentious, its conversion by Le Tissier allowed no room for argument. Even then, Shearer, who on a better day could have set all kinds of scoring records, missed two reasonable openings, but a long time before the end Blackburn seemed to have accepted their fate — too easily for some tastes. Now we may get a better idea of what Blackburn, and Dalglish, are made of.

SOUTHAMPTON (3-5-2): D Beasant; K Monkou, T Widdrington, F Benali — J Kenna, P Allen, J Magilton, N Maddison (sub: J Dodd, 66min), S Charlton (sub: C Maskell, 69) — M Le Tissier, I Dowie.
BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers; H Berg, D May, K Moran (sub: P Warhurst, 73), G Le Saux — S Ripley, T Sherwood, D Batty (sub: A Morrison, 87), J Wilcox — M Newell, A Shearer.
Referee: J Worrall.

MANCHESTER UNITED: April 23: Manchester City (h). 27: Leeds United (a). May: 1: Ipswich Town (a). 4: Southampton (a). 8: Coventry City (h).

BLACKBURN ROVERS: April 24: Queens Park Rangers (h). 27: West Ham United (a). May: 2: Coventry City (a). 8: Ipswich Town (h).

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Manchester Utd	37	79	+35	DWLWL
2	Blackburn	38	79	+27	LWWWL
3	Newcastle	38	68	+36	WDDLW
4	Arsenal	37	66	+28	DWDDW
5	Leeds	37	62	+20	WLDWW
6	Sheffield Wed	38	58	+17	WWWWD
7	Liverpool	39	57	+6	LLDWL
8	Wimbledon	37	55	-2	WWWDW
9	Aston Villa	38	54	+3	DLDLW
10	QPR	37	54	+2	LLLDW
11	Norwich	39	49	+4	LLDLD
12	Coventry	38	48	-4	WLWWD
13	West Ham	37	47	-11	LWWLW
14	Chelsea	37	43	-6	LWDDL
15	Manchester City	39	[illegible]	-9	DWWWD
16	Ipswich	39	42	-17	DLLLD
17	Everton	39	40	-19	DLLWL
18	Tottenham	38	39	-8	WWLLL
19	Southampton	38	39	-15	LLLWW
20	Oldham	38	37	-20	DWWLL
21	Sheffield Utd	38	35	-20	DWWDL
22	Swindon	38	27	-46	DLDLD

Weekly change: Up / Stayed the same / Down

FA Carling Premiership

ARSENAL (0) 1 CHELSEA (0) 0
Wright 72; 34,314
COVENTRY (1) 1 SHEFFIELD WED (0) 1
Ndlovu 25 (pen); Jones 50; 13,013
IPSWICH (0) 1 SWINDON (1) 1
Marshall 60; Fjortoft 15; 14,937
LIVERPOOL (0) 0 NEWCASTLE (1) 2
Lee 4 Cole 56; 44,601
MANCHESTER C (0) 1 NORWICH (1) 1
Rösler 46; Ullathorne 14; 28,020
OLDHAM (1) 1 WEST HAM (2) 2
Holden 43 (pen); Allen 2 Morley 29; 11,669
QPR (0) 2 EVERTON (0) 1
White 66 Ferdinand 88; Cottee 84; 13,330
SHEFFIELD U (1) 1 A VILLA (2) 2
Littlejohn 17; Richardson 23 Fenton 25; 18,402
SOUTHAMPTON (2) 3 BLACKBURN (0) 1
Dowie 28 Allen 39 Le Tissier 69 (pen); Ripley 48; 19,105
WIMBLEDON (1) 1 MANCHESTER U (0) 0
Fashanu 21; 28,553

Yesterday

LEEDS (0) 2 TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Wallace 81, 89; 33,658

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Man Utd	37	12	5	1	35	13	11	5	3	37	24	79
2 Blackburn	38	14	3	2	38	10	10	4	5	29	22	79
3 Newcastle	38	11	4	3	41	11	9	4	7	31	25	68
4 Arsenal	37	10	7	2	24	12	7	8	3	25	9	66
5 Leeds	37	12	6	1	32	14	4	8	6	22	20	62
6 Sheff Wed	38	9	6	4	42	23	6	7	6	28	28	58
7 Liverpool	39	12	4	4	33	22	4	5	10	23	29	57
8 Wimbledon	37	10	5	4	30	20	5	5	8	14	26	55
9 A Villa	38	7	5	7	20	15	7	7	5	21	23	54
10 QPR	37	8	5	5	30	25	7	4	8	27	30	54
11 Norwich	39	4	8	7	25	27	7	8	5	38	32	49
12 Coventry	38	6	7	6	21	18	4	5	9	18	27	48
13 West Ham	37	6	6	6	21	24	6	5	8	19	27	47
14 Chelsea	37	9	4	4	24	15	2	6	12	18	31	43
15 Man City	39	6	9	5	22	20	3	7	9	13	24	43
16 Ipswich	39	5	8	7	20	30	4	7	8	14	21	42
17 Everton	39	7	3	9	23	28	4	4	12	18	30	40
18 Tottenham	38	3	8	8	25	31	6	4	9	22	24	39
19 Southampton	38	8	2	10	26	30	3	4	11	16	27	39
20 Oldham	38	5	6	7	23	30	4	4	10	15	28	37
21 Sheff Utd	38	5	10	5	22	23	1	7	10	14	30	35
22 Swindon	38	4	7	8	23	36	0	8	11	19	52	27

FA CHALLENGE TROPHY: Semi-finals (first leg): Runcorn 1 Guiseley 1 (at Chester); Woking 1 Enfield 1.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare 1 Glenavon 1; Ballymena 1 Portadown 1; Carrick 3 Bangor 2; Coleraine 2 Linfield 2; Crusaders 3 Ards 1; Distillery 0 Glentoran 2; Larne 0 Newry 3; Omagh Town 0 Cliftonville 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 4 Hyde 1; Barrow 4 Buxton 0; Bishop Auckland 1 Gainsborough 0; Bridlington Town 2 Colwyn Bay 0; Chorley 8 Droylsden 1; Emley 1 Horwich 1; Fleetwood 1 Frickley 1; Knowsley Utd 1 Boston Utd 2; Leek 2 Whitley Bay 1; Marine 4 Morecambe 2; Matlock 3 Winsford 0. First division: Bamber Bridge 2 Goole 2; Caernarfon 0 Worksop 4; Eastwood 0 Spennymoor 2; Farsley Celtic 1 Workington 0; Great Harwood 2 Congleton 1; Gretna 1 Ashton United 4; Harrogate 0 Curzon Ashton 3; Mossley 1 Netherfield 3; Radcliffe Borough 1 Warrington 2.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Barry Town 1 Bangor City 0 (aggregate 2-1).

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division

BARNSLEY (0) 1 OXFORD (0) 0
Williams 66; 4,874
BIRMINGHAM (0) 2 BRISTOL C (2) 2
Claridge 60 (pen) Donowa 75; Partridge 5, 19; 20,316
DERBY (0) 2 CHARLTON (0) 0
Johnson 59 Kitson 70; 15,784
LEICESTER (0) 1 GRIMSBY (1) 1
Joachim 90; Mendonca 2; 15,859
LUTON (0) 0 C PALACE (1) 1
Coleman 1; 9,880
MIDDLESBRO (0) 0 PORTSMOUTH (2) 2
Creaney 20 Powell 35; 10,041
NOTTS CO (0) 0 WOLVERHMPTN (0) 2
Thompson 54 (pen) Whittingham 89; 13,438
PETERBORO (1) 2 BOLTON (0) 3
Hackett 15 McGorry 85; Walker 46, 68 Welsh 51 (og); 6,616
SUNDERLAND (0) 0 STOKE (1) 1
Walters 28; 17,406
WATFORD (3) 3 SOUTHEND (0) 0
Bailey 1 Mooney 12 Foster 14; 7,694
WEST BROM (1) 1 TRANMERE (1) 3
Nixon 40 (og); Garnett 38 Muir 77 Irons 78; 15,835

Yesterday

MILLWALL (1) 2 NOTTINGHAM F (0) 2
Moralee 7 Mitchell 59; Collymore 52 Stone 84; 12,543

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 C Palace	43	15	4	2	38	16	10	5	7	31	26	84
2 Nottm F	41	11	9	2	34	19	8	4	7	31	25	72
3 Leicester	41	11	7	3	43	28	7	5	8	28	26	66
4 Derby	41	14	2	4	41	21	5	7	9	25	38	66
5 Tranmere	42	13	3	4	42	19	6	6	10	19	27	66
6 Notts Co	42	16	2	4	40	23	4	3	13	20	40	65
7 Millwall	40	13	7	1	35	17	4	7	8	18	28	65
8 Stoke	43	14	2	5	33	17	4	8	10	21	39	64
9 Wolvrhmptn	41	9	8	3	31	17	7	7	7	26	25	63
10 Portsmouth	42	10	6	4	29	18	5	7	10	23	35	58
11 Middlesbro	41	10	6	4	31	18	5	7	9	20	29	58
12 Charlton	40	12	3	5	29	15	5	4	11	19	29	58
13 Sunderland	41	13	2	6	30	17	4	4	12	16	32	57
14 Grimsby	42	7	11	2	25	15	6	6	10	28	30	56
15 Bristol C	41	9	6	5	21	16	5	8	8	19	29	56
16 Southend	43	9	5	7	30	24	7	2	13	28	38	55
17 Bolton	41	6	7	4	31	25	6	5	12	22	32	51
18 Barnsley	41	8	3	10	23	25	6	4	10	27	33	49
19 Watford	43	9	5	8	38	35	4	3	14	24	44	47
20 Luton	39	11	2	7	33	21	2	6	11	15	29	47
21 West Brom	41	8	7	6	35	27	3	5	12	18	33	45
22 Oxford Utd	42	9	4	8	29	30	2	5	14	17	38	42
23 Birmingham	42	9	7	7	28	29	1	4	14	15	36	41
24 Peterboro	43	6	9	7	29	27	2	4	15	15	37	37

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Afan Lido 0 Caersws 0; Conwy 2 Aberystwyth 3; Flint Town Utd 3 Ton Pentre 1; Haverfordwest 0 Porthmadog 0; Holywell 1 Inter Cardiff 0; Llansantffraid 1 Cwmbran 0; Maesteg Park 0 Connah's Quay 2; Mold 1 Llanelli 1; Newtown 2 Briton Ferry 1. Sunday: Flint Town 3 Llanelli 1.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Promotion and relegation play-off (second leg): Cobh Ramblers 3 Finn Harps 0 (aggregate 3-1).

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Carshalton 1 South Bank Poly 2; Civil Service 1 Norsemen 1; West Wickham 2 O Actonians 0; Alexandra Park 1 Lloyds Bank 1; Broomfield 2 O Stationers 3; Kew Association 1 O Latymerians 2; Ibis 1 O Parkonians 1; Southgate Olympic 2 East Barnet OG 2; Royal Bank Scotland 0 Bank of England 8; Barclays Bank 6 Merton 2; Cuaco 5 O Salesians 0. Postponed: Bromleians v Polytechnic.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield Utd 3 Hucknall Town 0; Belper Town 2 Maltby MW 1; Eccleshill Utd 0 Denaby Utd 2; Glasshoughton Wel 2 Lincoln Utd 2; Liversedge 5 Winterton Rangers 1; North Ferriby Utd 1 Stocksbridge PS 0; Ossett Town 1 Armthorpe Welfare 1; Pontefract Col 2 Ossett Albion 2; Sheffield 3 Pickering Town 0; Thackley 0 Brigg Town 0.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Bootle 0 Rossendale Utd 1; Bradford Park Avenue 0 Skelmersdale Utd 0; Burscough 0 Atherton LR 1; Chadderton 0 Flixton 2; Glossop North End 1 Kidsgrove Athletic 3; Penrith 3 Eastwood Hanley 0; Prescot 1 Blackpool Rovers 2; St Helens Town 1 Maine Road 1.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 4 Brighton 0.

Second division

BRISTOL R (0) 0 YORK (0) 1
Bushell 82; 5,007
BURNLEY (0) 1 SWANSEA (1) 1
Davis 64; Harris 38; 10,694
CARDIFF (1) 1 BRENTFORD (1) 1
Brock 27; Harvey 32; 5,268
FULHAM (0) 0 EXETER (2) 2
Minett 1 Cooper 36 (pen); 4,602
HULL (0) 0 BLACKPOOL (0) 0
6,211
L ORIENT (0) 0 STOCKPORT (0) 0
3,984
PLYMOUTH (0) 0 CAMBRIDGE (1) 3
Joseph 19 Corazzin 72, 87; 8,872
PORT VALE (0) 2 BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1
Taylor 47 Cross 52; Pennock 85; 7,803
READING (0) 0 ROTHERHAM (0) 0
6,295
WREXHAM (0) 1 BRIGHTON (1) 3
Bennett 78; Dickov 25 Crumplin 68 Codner 71; 2,613

Yesterday

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 BRADFORD (1) 1
Dunn 84; Williams 3 (pen); 9,342

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Reading	42	14	6	2	38	18	10	4	8	35	25	82
2 Plymouth	42	15	4	3	43	25	7	5	8	30	28	75
3 Port Vale	40	14	6	1	41	17	7	4	8	25	24	73
4 Stockport	39	14	0	5	45	18	7	9	4	19	19	72
5 York	42	12	5	4	32	12	8	5	8	27	24	70
6 Burnley	42	18	3	2	51	17	4	5	12	23	38	68
7 Hull	43	9	8	5	32	19	9	4	8	28	33	66
8 Bristol R	43	10	7	5	32	25	9	2	10	28	38	66
9 Bradford	42	11	5	4	29	17	6	8	8	26	30	64
10 Cambs Utd	43	11	5	5	33	21	7	4	11	34	42	63
11 Brentford	43	7	8	5	28	25	6	9	7	26	23	57
12 Brighton	43	9	7	5	35	26	5	7	10	22	36	56
13 Wrexham	42	12	4	5	43	30	3	6	12	18	42	55
14 Swansea	42	11	7	3	35	18	3	5	13	17	36	54
15 L Orient	43	10	8	3	38	25	3	5	13	18	40	53
16 Huddersfld	42	7	8	6	23	25	6	6	9	24	30	53
17 Bournemth	41	7	7	6	23	23	6	7	8	23	29	53
18 Rotherham	41	9	3	8	37	29	4	8	9	21	29	50
19 Blackpool	43	11	2	8	37	32	4	3	15	21	36	50
20 Fulham	43	6	6	10	19	23	7	4	10	29	36	49
21 Cardiff	39	8	7	4	32	22	3	7	10	25	40	47
22 Exeter	40	8	7	7	32	34	3	5	12	14	38	[illegible]
23 Hartlepool	42	7	3	11	25	31	1	6	14	11	42	33
24 Barnet	42	3	6	12	18	27	1	6	14	17	51	24

Third division

BURY (0) 1 CHESTER (1) 1
Adekola 84; Lancashire 7; 3,142
COLCHESTER (1) 1 DARLINGTON (1) 2
Kinsella 45; Shaw 8 Chapman 78; 2,332
CREWE (0) 0 SHREWSBURY (0) 0
5,251
HEREFORD (1) 2 GILLINGHAM (0) 0
Pike 9, 75 (2 pens); 1,964
LINCOLN (0) 0 CARLISLE (0) 0
2,738
MANSFIELD (0) 0 ROCHDALE (0) 1
Thackeray 59; 2,362
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 TORQUAY (0) 1
Darby 82; 3,519
PRESTON (1) 2 WALSALL (0) 0
Ainsworth 12 Fensome 68; 7,020
SCARBOROUGH (2) 3 WYCOMBE (0) 1
Charles 38 Whittington 39 Murray 89; Brown 82; 2,080
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 DONCASTER (1) 3
Goodacre 70; Worthington 2 Yates 54 Roche 55; 4,151
WIGAN (0) 1 CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
Robertson 51; 1,998

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Shrewsbury	38	9	7	3	26	18	11	5	3	30	19	72
2 Chester	39	12	5	2	31	15	8	6	6	34	27	71
3 Wycombe	38	11	3	4	30	17	8	7	5	32	30	67
4 Crewe	38	10	4	5	39	28	8	6	5	32	28	64
5 Preston	39	13	5	2	45	20	4	7	8	38	36	63
6 Torquay	38	6	10	3	25	22	9	5	6	32	30	60
7 Chesterfld	39	7	7	5	27	21	8	5	7	22	25	57
8 Walsall	38	7	5	7	27	22	9	4	7	18	26	57
9 Scunthorpe	39	9	7	4	39	22	5	6	8	19	26	55
10 Rochdale	38	9	5	5	34	18	5	6	8	23	28	53
11 Mansfield	39	9	3	8	28	27	5	7	7	23	31	52
12 Carlisle	38	7	4	7	28	22	7	6	7	19	19	52
13 Bury	38	9	5	6	33	21	5	4	10	21	32	51
14 Scarboro	39	8	3	9	28	27	6	4	9	22	31	49
15 Doncaster	39	7	6	6	23	22	6	4	10	19	28	49
16 Lincoln	39	7	4	8	25	27	5	6	8	23	30	46
17 Gillingham	38	7	7	5	28	22	4	6	9	17	28	46
18 Colchester	39	7	4	9	28	32	4	8	9	23	35	43
19 Hereford	39	6	3	11	32	31	6	2	11	25	42	41
20 Wigan	38	5	7	8	31	33	5	4	9	17	30	41
21 Northampton	39	5	7	8	24	23	3	4	12	18	37	35
22 Darlington	39	6	5	8	23	26	2	6	12	15	36	35

WOMEN'S UEFA GROUP 7 QUALIFIER: England 10 Slovenia 0 (at Brentford).

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 1 Dulwich 3; Bromley 1 Chesham 2; Hayes 2 Marlow 0; Hitchin 2 Grays 3; Kingstonian 5 Basingstoke 0; Wivenhoe 0 Stevenage Borough 1; Wokingham 0 Hendon 2. Postponed: Carshalton v St Albans; Dorking v Yeading; Harrow v Sutton Utd.

First division: Barking 4 Walton and Hersham 2; Berkhamsted 1 Wembley 3; Bishop's Stortford 1 Bognor Regis 0; Chalfont St Peter 1 Uxbridge 2; Croydon 0 Maidenhead United 3; Purfleet 4 Abingdon 0; Ruislip Manor 1 Boreham Wood 2; Staines 1 Whyteleafe 0; Windsor and Eton 0 Billericay 4; Worthing 2 Heybridge Swifts 3.

Second division: Chertsey 0 Egham 0; Edgware 0 Aldershot Town 2; Hampton 2 Leatherhead 3; Lewes 0 Hemel Hempstead 0; Maidenhead Vale 2 Hungerford 0; Newbury 2 Metropolitan Police 0; Thame 3 Collier Row 0; Tilbury 2 Rainham 1; Ware 1 Saffron Walden 0; Witham 0 Barton 0.

GM Vauxhall Conference

ALTRINCHAM (1) 2 TELFORD (0) 0
Green 30 Terry 73; 694
BROMSGROVE (1) 2 SOUTHPORT (0) 2
Taylor 8 Radburn 72; Gamble 70 Walmsley 85; 880
GATESHEAD (1) 1 BATH (0) 0
Rowe 17; 401
KETTERING (2) 2 STAFFORD (0) 0
Brown 10 Taylor 40; 1,701
MACCLESFIELD (0) 0 KIDDERMINSTER (0) 0
1,128
MERTHYR (0) 0 WELLING (0) 1
Copley 87; 416
STALYBRIDGE (0) 0 DOVER (0) 0
594
WITTON (0) 1 SLOUGH (0) 0
Edey 53; 488
YEOVIL (0) 0 HALIFAX (0) 0
1,823

Yesterday

NORTHWICH (1) 2 DAG AND RED (0) 2
Butler 8 Bunter 79; Livett 58 Blackford 69; 718

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Kettering	38	9	7	4	23	13	9	6	3	21	8	67
2 Kidderminstr	34	12	4	2	28	10	7	4	5	24	18	65
3 Southport	37	9	7	2	25	18	7	4	8	28	29	59
4 Woking	36	10	5	2	27	14	5	7	7	22	33	57
5 Runcorn	36	11	4	2	37	20	1	13	5	19	28	53
6 Bath	37	6	6	5	28	18	6	8	5	18	17	50
7 Welling	35	7	6	5	23	17	6	5	6	21	20	50
8 Stafford	37	9	7	4	34	21	3	7	7	15	25	50
9 Gateshead	34	9	6	3	28	13	4	4	8	16	27	49
10 Dover	36	9	3	7	26	19	5	8	4	15	23	48
11 Dag and Red	35	11	3	4	38	21	1	8	8	12	25	47
12 Macclesfld	35	5	7	5	20	16	8	1	9	20	28	47
13 Altrincham	37	7	3	8	20	21	6	4	9	15	20	46
14 Halifax	34	4	9	2	21	12	6	6	7	27	30	45
15 Northwich	36	6	8	4	22	17	3	10	5	14	21	45
16 Telford	36	6	7	6	21	21	5	5	9	17	24	45
17 Bromsgrove	35	4	8	5	24	29	6	8	5	24	27	44
18 Slough	38	7	7	4	28	21	3	6	11	14	33	43
19 Stalybridge	37	4	8	6	18	27	6	6	7	22	24	42
20 Merthyr	36	8	7	5	27	20	3	7	8	20	28	39
21 Yeovil	35	6	3	9	20	23	3	5	8	18	33	35
22 Witton	36	4	7	8	18	27	3	5	11	16	27	33

Merthyr 2 points deducted

Third division: Bracknell 2 Cheshunt 0; Cove 5 Leighton 2; East Thurrock 0 Harlow 0; Epsom and Ewell 1 Clapton 0; Feltham and Hounslow 1 Hornchurch 2; Flackwell Heath 0 Southall 2; Harefield 2 Northwood 2; Hertford 2 Oxford City 1; Royston 2 Kingsbury 2; Tring 1 Camberley 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm 5 Exmouth Town 1; Crediton Utd 3 Chippenham Town 0; Minehead 0 Paulton Rovers 1; Tiverton Town 5 Westbury Utd 0; Torrington 3 Frome Town 0; Mangotsfield Utd 0 Taunton Town 2; Odd Down 0 Liskeard Athletic 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 2 Gloucester 1; Bashley 1 Burton 0; Cambridge City 0 Solihull 2; Cheltenham 1 Hastings 0; Crawley Town 0 Corby Town 0; Gresley Rovers 4 Farnborough 0; Hednesford 0 Trowbridge 1; Moor Green 3 Chelmsford 1; Sittingbourne 2 Nuneaton 2; Waterlooville 1 Halesowen 4; Worcester 7 Dorchester 0.

Midland division: Bedworth Utd 2 Redditch Utd 1;

Scottish League
Premier division

ABERDEEN (0) 0 MOTHERWELL (0) 0
9,600
DUNDEE UTD (3) 3 HIBERNIAN (0) 0
Petric 21 Brewster 26 McKinlay 34; 6,603
HEARTS (0) 0 DUNDEE (0) 2
Shaw 52, 69; 6,000
KILMARNOCK (0) 2 CELTIC (0) 0
Black 65 (pen) Brown 90; 11,576
RANGERS (2) 4 RAITH (0) 0
Robertson 17 McCoist 42 Ferguson 46 Mikhailichenko 51; 42,545
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 PARTICK (0) 0
Scott 80; 4,933

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Rangers	38	11	4	4	40	20	10	8	1	30	15	54
2 Motherwell	38	9	7	2	27	16	8	6	6	22	20	47
3 Aberdeen	38	10	7	2	28	10	4	11	4	21	23	46
4 Celtic	39	8	9	3	23	15	8	7	6	22	19	44
5 Hibernian	38	10	5	3	28	13	5	7	8	23	28	42
6 Dundee Utd	38	5	10	4	23	19	5	9	5	18	18	39
7 Hearts	39	5	8	7	19	23	4	9	6	18	19	35
8 St Johnstn	38	7	6	7	24	25	2	11	6	9	20	35
9 Partick	38	7	7	4	19	14	3	7	10	22	37	34
10 Kilmarnock	38	5	9	6	17	19	5	5	8	15	23	34
11 Dundee	39	5	7	8	22	24	2	4	13	15	29	25
12 Raith	38	3	10	6	21	29	2	5	12	16	41	25

Bridgnorth Town 3 Grantham Town 2; Evesham Utd 1 VS Rugby 5; Hinckley Town 0 Bilston Town 1; King's Lynn 0 Sutton Coldfield 0; Newport AFC 5 Leicester Utd 0; Rushden and Diamonds 4 Armitage 0; Stourbridge 2 Clevedon Town 3; Tamworth 4 Forest Green Rovers 1; Weston-super-Mare 2 RC Warwick 0; Yate Town 0 Dudley Town 2. Southern division: Ashford Town 2 Baldock Town 0; Buckingham Town 2 Canterbury City 0; Burnham 3 Poole Town 1; Erith and Belvedere 0 Salisbury City 2; Havant Town 2 Gravesend and Northfleet 1; Newport IOW 3 Fisher 93 0; Weymouth 1 Tonbridge AFC 0; Wealdstone 5 Bury Town 1. Postponed: Dunstable v Fareham Town; Margate v Braintree Town; Sudbury Town v Witney Town.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 1 Durham City 2; Blyth Spartans 5 Brandon Utd 0; Chester-le-Street 1 Newcastle Blue Star 0; Ferryhill Athletic 2 Stockton 2; Guisborough Town 1 Shildon 0; Hebburn 2 Northallerton Town 0; Murton 0 Consett 5; Tow Law Town 5 Eppleton CW 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chelsea 3 Norwich 0; Fulham 1 West Ham 5; Leyton Orient 1 QPR 4; Millwall 4 Charlton 1; Portsmouth 1 Southend 3; Tottenham 6 Ipswich 0. Postponed: Gillingham v Arsenal. Second division: Bristol City 0 Oxford Utd 0; Reading 2 Crystal Palace 0; Southampton 1 Tottenham 1; Wimbledon 0 Swindon 1.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: One: Mill Hill Village 1 O Grammarians 5; Nottsborough 1 Wandsworth Boro 2; O Finchleians 0 O Owens 4; Parkfield 1 Wilan 2. Two: Albanian 5 Corinthian Casuals 2; Ealing Association 0 Hadley 3; Southgate Cty 3 Ulysses 3. Three: O Colleians 0 Hon Artillery 1; O Woodhouseians 9 Hampstead Heathens 0.

SPANISH LEAGUE: First division: Albacete 0 Celta 4; Barcelona 3 Valencia 1; Real Zaragoza 1 Logrones 1.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Ajax 6 Twente Enschede 0; Vitesse Arnhem 1 Feyenoord 2; Utrecht 2; Venlo 3, Roda JC Kerkrade 1 Cambuur Leeuwarden 1; Willem II Tilburg 0 Go Ahead Eagles 0; Maastricht 1 Volendam 1; Heerenveen 0 Waalwijk 3; Sparta Rotterdam 0 Breda 0.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Eeklo 1 Antwerp 3; Club Brugge 3 Waregem 1; Standard Liege 2 Ghent 0; Charleroi 5 Cercle Brugge 3; Beveren 3 FC Liege 0; Mechelen 2 Seraing 1; Molenbeek 1 Genk 1; Lierse 1 Anderlecht 4; Lommel 1 Ostend 2.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Atalanta 1 Napoli 1; Cremonese 1 Torino 1; Foggia 3 Genoa 0; Juventus 6 Lazio 1; Lecce 2 Reggiana 4; AC Milan 2 Udinese 2; Parma 3 Cagliari 1; Roma 3 Piacenza 1; Sampdoria 3 Internazionale 1.

First division

AIRDRIE (0) 1 DUMBARTON (0) 1
Smith 55; Melvin 86; 1,500
BRECHIN (0) 0 ST MIRREN (0) 1
Lavety 46; 713
CLYDE (0) 1 FALKIRK (0) 1
Thomson 89; McCall 58; 3,650
CLYDEBANK (1) 2 STIRLING (0) 1
Flannigan 35 Eadie 69; Walters 90; 814
DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 HAMILTON (1) 1
Tod 40 O'Boyle 85 (pen); McIntosh 31; 4,927
MORTON (0) 0 AYR (0) 1
Bilsland 87; 1,169

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Dunfermline	39	15	2	2	53	17	11	4	5	30	14	58
2 Falkirk	39	14	4	2	40	16	8	9	2	29	15	57
3 Airdrie	39	8	8	4	27	18	10	4	5	26	17	48
4 Hamilton	39	11	5	3	40	18	8	7	7	23	30	46
5 St Mirren	39	9	3	8	26	22	9	5	5	28	28	44
6 Clydebank	39	9	4	6	25	26	7	7	6	25	19	43
7 Ayr	39	5	7	7	18	26	8	5	7	21	22	38
8 Dumbarton	39	4	7	9	22	28	6	6	7	22	22	33
9 Stirling	39	7	5	7	22	25	5	3	12	17	34	32
10 Clyde	39	5	6	9	14	19	3	4	12	15	32	26
11 Morton	39	3	10	6	18	22	2	6	12	20	43	26
12 Brechin	39	4	3	13	12	31	1	4	14	12	43	17

Second division

ALLOA (0) 1 COWDENBEATH (0) 0
Diver 61; 393
BERWICK (2) 3 ALBION (0) 0
Kane 4, 43 Young 79; 1,169
EAST FIFE (0) 0 QN OF SOUTH (0) 1
Kelly 90; 716
FORFAR (0) 0 EAST STIRLING (1) 2
McCallum 37 Millar 84; 428
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1 MEADOWBANK (1) 3
O'Neill 23; Fleming 24 Rutherford 70 Bailey 77; 498
STENHSEMUIR (1) 2 MONTROSE (0) 0
Mathieson 41, 46; 450
STRANRAER (0) 1 ARBROATH (0) 0
Gallagher 48; 1,060

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Stranraer	35	14	2	2	36	17	6	8	3	19	14	50
2 Stenhsemuir	35	10	5	3	34	14	8	3	6	25	24	44
3 Meadowbk	35	8	8	1	33	21	7	5	6	24	22	43
4 Berwick	35	7	7	4	32	23	7	5	5	30	21	40
5 Qn of South	35	8	2	7	33	18	7	6	5	30	28	38
6 East Fife	35	9	5	4	32	21	5	4	8	21	26	37
7 E Stirling	35	7	3	7	28	25	6	7	5	24	23	36
8 Alloa	35	5	7	6	13	14	6	7	4	22	19	36
9 Forfar	35	6	6	6	26	27	6	5	6	25	24	35
10 Montrose	35	5	4	8	20	23	7	3	8	28	33	31
11 Queen's Pk	35	8	4	6	29	30	2	5	10	16	41	29
12 Arbroath	35	4	8	5	21	27	5	1	12	18	33	27
13 Albion	35	3	4	10	16	27	4	5	9	18	32	23
14 Cowdenbth	35	1	3	13	17	34	5	4	8	22	30	21

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1½	3	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	3	1½

21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
2	2	1½	1½	2	1½	3	1½	2	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½

41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: There were nine jackpot draws, one high-score draw and six no-score draws, so dividends are expected to be very good. Telephone claims are required for 23½ and 24 points.

Castleford's late barrage to no avail

Warrington keep hopes alive with resilient display

Castleford 16
Warrington 21

By Christopher Irvine

WARRINGTON have been content to play the role of tortoise to the hares of Wigan and Bradford Northern. Their persistence might yet be rewarded after a performance yesterday of extraordinary resilience.

They once more lead the Stones Bitter rugby league championship by two points. If Wigan and Bradford Northern falter in their remaining two games. the title could yet end up at Wilderspool after an absence of 20 years.

A victory against Sheffield Eagles at home on Friday would place enormous pressure on Bradford to win at Leeds the following day and Wigan at Oldham on Sunday.

Six weeks ago, after consecutive defeats by Halifax and Bradford, Brian Johnson, the Warrington coach, said his side's best chance was if the Wigan and Bradford team buses collided. Unlike their faltering rivals, Warrington have since been relatively consistent, winning six of their last seven matches.

Johnson was one of those biting his lips at Wheldon Road yesterday. For a long time, it seemed his side's ambitions might be ended. Three times Castleford drew level and in a frenzied and somewhat ugly last ten minutes they threatened to steal the points.

Warrington withstood a fearsome barrage, despite having their second player of the afternoon dismissed for ten minutes for a professional foul. Bennett's holding down of Blackmore in the tackle could have been their ruination but a gratuitous swipe by Hay at Davies brought him some company in the sin-bin.

In ending the home side's mathematical hopes of the title, Warrington's defensive fortitude only slackened in the ten minutes Mackey spent off the field in the first half for holding back Hay as Castleford threatened to score on the left. During this period, Warrington lacked the numbers to prevent Crooks forcing his way over by the posts and Hay bursting onto a short pass by Nikau after good work by Ford.

In between, Warrington managed with 12 men to score a candidate for try of the season. Almost inevitably, it involved Davies crossing under the posts, but the build-up owed everything to the impudence and sleight of hand of Kelly Shelford, who was outstanding at loose forward. The New Zealander shook off his markers, delicately kicked through, regathered and flicked out a reverse pass to Davies, who eluded Steadman for the score.

From 12-12 at the interval, Shelford and Tees combined on the right to give Forster the first of two tries. It contained a hint of doubt, as he appeared not to have grounded the ball properly. Two equally dubious penalties were awarded Castleford's way and were neatly struck by Crooks to make it all square once more, but a dropped goal by Davies gave the visitors new impetus.

Castleford like nothing better than to risk everything, which worked wonderfully on occasions, but lost possession early in the tackle count cost them dearly. Warrington were quickly up to take advantage of an injudicious move, Davies taking a quick heel and the omnipresent Shelford giving Forster a simple run-in.

SCORERS: Castleford: Tries: Crooks, Hay. Goals: Crooks (4). Warrington: Tries: Forster (2), Roper, Davies. Goals: Davies (2). Dropped goal: Davies.

CASTLEFORD: G Steadman; S Ellis, R Blackmore (sub: J Flowers, 74min), A Hay, S Middleton; T Smith, M Ford; L Crooks, R Russell, D Sampson, M Ketteridge (sub: C Smith, 58), I Smales, T Nikau.

WARRINGTON: J Davies; M Forster, A Bateman (sub: A Bennett, 45), J Roper, I Harris; K Ellis, G Mackey; C Teitzel (sub: R Phillips, 25), J Thursfield, G Tees, P Darbyshire, G Sanderson, K Shelford.

Referee: J Connolly.

Remaining matches

WIGAN: Wednesday: Castleford (h). April 24: Oldham (a).

BRADFORD NORTHERN: Tomorrow: St Helens (h). April 23: Leeds (a).

WARRINGTON: April 22: Sheffield Eagles (h).

Hull KR lose fight to stay in top flight

By Our Sports Staff

HULL Kingston Rovers, beaten 30-12 at Salford yesterday, lost their place in the Stones Bitter Championship after four years. The battle to replace them remains between Workington Town, Doncaster, Batley and London Crusaders.

Workington, the second division leaders, ran in ten tries to overwhelm Keighley 54-2, and fourth-placed London Crusaders increased their promotion chances with a hard-fought 30-21 win over Whitehaven.

Crusaders, now just two points behind Workington, gained their early points from Scott Roskell, who scored two tries, Logan Campbell and Mark Johnson, a try apiece, with John Gallagher kicking four goals. Their decisive points came from Mark Riley, with Gallagher adding the goal.

Brisbane Broncos have appointed Robbie Moore, the former Halifax conditioner, as the new manager of the Crusaders, to be named London Broncos from next season.

Des Drummond scored three tries for Workington and Paul Burns two, but James Pickering was sent off along with Andy Eyres and Bob Reeves, of Keighley.

Doncaster's hopes of promotion suffered as they were held tryless by a rampant Rochdale, who won 20-2 to raise hopes of an end-of-season premiership place. Steve Gartland, the stand-off half, led the Rochdale attack with a try, three goals and two dropped goals. Paul O'Keefe, the wing, and Mike Stewart also crossed the line.

Four tries by the lively Australian full back, Jason Laurence, inspired Huddersfield to a 30-20 victory at lowly Bramley. Batley had to battle to keep on course for promotion with a 20-7 win at Barrow. Batley had Shaun Wilkinson to thank when he raced over for a last-minute try to seal victory.

White threatens return to peak

By Phil Yates

JIMMY White reserved his best display of an otherwise poor season for his opening match in the £1 million Embassy world snooker championship at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday.

White was understandably encouraged by his 10-6 victory over Billy Snaddon. "I am very pleased with my safety, the fact that I didn't miss any easy pots and my concentration in general." White, who has not won a title or even appeared in the final of a tournament during a barren 1993-94 campaign, said.

White led 6-3 after Saturday's first session, in which the scoring power that has deserted him of late returned with a vengeance. He compiled breaks of 46, 107, 66 and 112 in the sixth frame, consisting of 14 reds with 14 blacks.

The possibility of a repeat of White's 147 against Tony Drago in the first round of the 1992 championship — and an accompanying bonus of £100,000 — loomed large until, "caught in two minds", he missed position in moving from the black to the final red. Snaddin was immediately into his stride when play resumed with a 137 clearance, the highest break of the event so far, in the tenth frame. He levelled at 6-6 and White temporarily showed signs of vulnerability.

However White, runner-up in the championship for the last four years, regained the lead at 7-6 by winning a scrappy thirteenth frame before reeling off the following three with breaks of 65, 49 and 99. Neal Foulds or Anthony Davies will play White in the last 16.

Stephen Hendry also came close to compiling an even more lucrative 147 break during his 10-1 first-round victory over Surinder Gill on Saturday. In addition to the championship incentive which White missed out on, Hendry would have received a Rolls Royce silver spirit worth £110,000 had he not failed to pot a long yellow after making a 120 break, consisting entirely of reds and blacks, in the eighth frame.

Nevertheless, it was a high quality start by the title holder, who is without a tournament win in 1994. Hendry compiled further breaks of 47, 58, 100, 58 and 73 in securing a second-round match with Dave Harold, of Stoke. Showing the persistence that enabled him to qualify for the final stages of the championship, Harold transformed a 6-3 overnight deficit against David Roe, the sixteenth seed, into a 10-8 victory.

Harold edged out Hendry 5-4 in the third round of last year's Asian Open in Bangkok, going on to win the title as a 500-1 outsider. However, Hendry whitewashed him 5-0 and 6-0 at their two other meetings.

Drew Henry, like Harold one of nine players making his debut at the Crucible, established a surprise 5-4 first session lead over John Parrott, the 1991 world champion.

Henry, the world No 64 from Rutherglen, near Glasgow, accounted for Mike Hallett in the final qualifying round and reached the last 16 of this season's United Kingdom championship, but Parrott was still expected to progress with few problems.

Henry won three of the first four frames and led 4-3 before the Scot put together breaks of 133 and 39 to win the closing two frames of the morning session without conceding a point.

Ronnie O'Sullivan, the United Kingdom champion, encountered stubborn resistance from Dennis Taylor, but pulled away from 5-5 to win 10-6. Taylor's elimination makes it mathematically impossible for him to reach the top 16 next season, the first time he has been exiled from the game's elite since rankings began in 1976.

RESULTS

FIRST ROUND: Saturday: S Hendry (Sco) bt S Gill (Eng) 10-1; R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt D Taylor (N Ire) 10-6. Yesterday: D Harold (Eng) bt D Roe (Eng) 10-8; J White (Eng) bt W Snaddin (Sco) 10-6. Latest position: D Henry (Sco) leads J Parrott (Eng) 5-4; C Thorburn (Can) leads N Bond (Eng) 4-1.

MIKE COOPER



Henry, of Scotland, during his loss to Parrott, the 1991 world champion, in Sheffield

European title win confirms exciting potential

From Richard Eaton in Den Bosch, Holland

CHRIS Hunt and Simon Archer, whose partnership is less than four months old, became gold medal winners for England here yesterday when they beat Andrei Antropov and Nicolai Zuev, the first Russians to contest a European badminton final.

Hunt and Archer had been seeded only fourth, though it was clear from the outset that their aggressive style, aimed at creating chances for big smashes, made them title contenders.

In the final, which they won 18-16, 15-4, almost as important as the battle to force Antropov and Zuev to lift the shuttle was the struggle to overcome their own nerves. Archer, 20, had an edgy patch from 12-8 in the first game which saw the Englishmen slip to 15-16 down, and Hunt has suffered from hypertension in big matches in the past.

On yesterday's evidence, however, he is overcoming it well. Hunt was the steadier man, providing the opportunity for Archer to confirm his considerable promise.

It was never a good match — rallies were too short for that — but the first game was an absorbing one. In the second, Hunt and Archer raced to 10-0 as the Russians crumbled. "We were always too tense to play well but we did what was necessary when it mattered," Hunt said. They were the first English winners of the title for ten years.

Gill Clark and Julie Bradbury came within two points of beating the defending women's doubles champions, Christine Magnusson and Lim Xiao Qing, in the semi-final and had to settle for a bronze medal, as did Anders Nielsen after a 17-14, 15-6, semi-final defeat by the Swede, Tomas Johansson, who lost the men's singles final to Poul-Erik Hoyer.

Lim Xiao Qing took the women's title, thus becoming the first player of Asian origin to win a European singles crown.

Eric Bakker, the tournament director, has proposed to the International Badminton Federation a new format for the world championships, with prize-money of about $400,000 (£275,000) and entry restricted to players from the leading nations in the sport.

ATHLETICS

ROTTERDAM: Marathon: Men: 1, V Rousseau (Bel) 2hr 7min 51sec; 2, W Mtolo (SA) 2:10 17; 3, Hu Gangjun (China) 2:10 28; 4, B Paredes (Mex) 2:10 40; 5, H Taniguchi (Japan) 2:10.46; 6, F Bjorkli (Nor) 2:12 30. Women: 1, M Achiwa (Japan) 2:25 52; 2, R Lementtinen (Fin) 2:29.16; 3, C Beurskens (Holl) 2:29 43; 4, Li Yemei (China) 2:32 01; 5, J Salumae (Est) 2:33.09

LITOHORO, Greece: World road relay championships (marathon distance): Men: 1, Morocco (B Jabbour, L Khattab, S Hissou, B Boutayeb, K Skah) 1hr 57min 56sec; 2, Ethiopia 1:58:51; 3, Kenya 2:00 51; 5, Britain 2:02 12. Women: 1, Russia (T Pentukova, N Galyamova, Y Kopytova, N Solominskaya, Y Romanova, O Churbanova) 2:17 19; 2, Ethiopia 2:19 09; 3, Romania 2:19.09

NEW YORK: Trevira Twosome road race (10 miles): Men: 1, W Mutwol (Kenya) 47min 1sec; 2, T Osano (US) 47 07; 3, H Vasquez (Col) 47 53. Women: 1, K Szabo (Hun) 54.42; 2, R Machado (Br) 54 57; 3, K Archuleta (US) 55 01; 5, K MacLeod (GB) 55 41

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (AFL): Sydney 11 20 (86) bt Richmond 10 12 (72). Carlton 24 16 (160) bt Hawthorn 11 7 (73). Melbourne 12 12 (84) bt Essendon 9 12 (66). North Melbourne 17 10 (112) bt Footscray 14 15 (99). West Coast 18 21 (129) bt Fitzroy 8 5 (53). Brisbane 22 19 (151) bt St Kilda 15 8 (98). Adelaide 15.14 (104) bt Geelong 11 11 (77)

BADMINTON

DEN BOSCH, Holland: European championship: Finals: Women's singles: Lim Xiaoqing (Swe) bt C Bengtsson (Swe) 11-5, 12-9. Doubles: Lim Xiaoqing and C Magnusson (Swe) bt L Stuer-Lauridsen and L Olsen (Den) 17-14, 15-12. Men's singles: P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt T Johansson (Swe) 15-9, 15-5. Doubles: C Hunt and S Archer (Eng) bt A Antropov and N Zuev (Russ) 18-16, 15-4

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago 5 Atlanta 13, Florida 0 San Francisco 6; Philadelphia 3 Cincinnati 1. Pittsburgh 6 Los Angeles 4, New York 1 Houston 6. St Louis 10 San Diego 6. Colorado 9 Montreal 2. Saturday: New York 9 Houston 1, Atlanta 4 Chicago 1 Colorado 7 Montreal 3 Florida 5 San Francisco 3, Philadelphia 6 Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 4 Los Angeles 3, San Diego 8 St Louis 2

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Boston 5 Chicago 3; Cleveland 1 Kansas City 2; Detroit 5 New York 7; Texas 8 Baltimore 3; California 14 Toronto 13 (10 inns); Oakland 7 Minnesota 8; Seattle 9 Milwaukee 1. Saturday: Kansas City 12 Cleveland 9; Detroit 5 New York 4 (11 inns); Oakland 8 Minnesota 3; Baltimore 6 Texas 4; Toronto 5 California 4; Milwaukee 1 Seattle 0.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Championship play-offs: Guildford 65 (Brown 18, Miller 12) London Towers 53 (R Scantlebury 15, Ayinla 12) (Guildford win series 2-1 and qualify for semi-finals). Worthing 104 (Irish 28, Lewis 27) Leicester 77 (Waldron 23, Tresvant 18, Harris 18).

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Semi-final play-offs: First division: Coventry 76 Sheffield 74. Second division: Mid Sussex 81 Swindon 82.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Semi-final play-off: Second division: Cardiff 47 Leicester 54

JUNIOR MEN'S NATONAL CUP: Final: Barrow 60 Brixton 76.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Boston 113 Orlando 110 (2nd OT), Cleveland 109 Miami 100; New Jersey 119 Detroit 114 (OT), New York 103 Washington 90, Charlotte 85 Chicago 88, Minnesota 112 Indiana 130, Dallas 99 Denver 97, Milwaukee 96 Atlanta 105; Los Angeles Lakers 100 Portland 105. Saturday: Phoenix 96 San Antonio 94, Seattle 100 Houston 97; Atlanta 123 Philadelphia 94; Sacramento 106 Dallas 98, Cleveland 91 Milwaukee 90, Golden State 109 Utah 105; Los Angeles Clippers 108 Los Angeles Lakers 103

BOWLS

MELTON MOWBRAY: EBA championships: Singles: Quarter-finals: W G Ward (Avon Valley) bt P Barr (Browston Hall, Great Yarmouth) 21-7; P Bennett (Bodmin) bt D Williams (Preston, Brighton) 21-9; P Lawson (Picketts Lock) bt A Alcock (Bentham) 21-18, King bt Mills 21-8. Semi-finals: P Bennett (Bodmin) bt P Lawson (Picketts Lock) 21-2; M King (Pinewood Park) bt W G Ward (Avon Valley) 21-8. Final: King bt Bennett 21-12. Under-25 double-rink championship: Semi-finals: Cumbria bt Foxhill (Aylesbury) 59-21; City of Ely bt Cambridge Park (Twickenham) 55-37. Final: Cumbria bt City of Ely 58-15; Rink scores (Cumbria skips first): S Airey 22 I Brown 10; S Farish 36 D Bell 5. Pairs: final: B Vickers and G Smith (Cyphers, Beckenham) bt M and R Newman (Whiteknights, Reading) 23-22. Liberty Trophy: Final: Somerset 126 Kent 99 (Somerset skips first. M Prosser 22 M Selger 18, J Hobday 15 T Heppell 15; N Rowe 25 C Hall 11; A Aposey 14 G Charlton 28; I Middlemast 27 J Bull 8, T Perkins 22 G Smith 19).

TWEED HEADS, Australia: Mazda Jack High tournament: Semi-finals: A Thomson (Eng) bt R Corsie (Scot) 9-4, 9-7; D Stockham (Aus) bt R Parrella (Aus) 9-6, 9-5. Final: Thomson bt Stockham 9-4, 9-5

BOXING

NAGOYA, Japan: WBC bantamweight championship: Yasuei Yakushiji (Japan, holder) ko Josefino Suarez (Mex) 10th rnd.

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas: IBF junior featherweight championship: Kennedy McKinney (US, holder) bt Welcome Ncita (SA) pts.

CRICKET

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Northamptonshire — match abandoned without a ball bowled.

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Hampshire — no play on Saturday because of rain

SCHOOLS MATCH: Cryptics 93, *St Edward's, Oxford 94-0

* home side

CYCLING

ROAD RACES: Welwyn-Hatfield Grand Prix (101 miles). 1, S Hempsall (Choice Accountancy) 4hr 10min 15sec; 2, A Doyle (Crestabolin) at 6sec; 3, R Hammond (Invicta RT) same time. BCF Premier Calendar overall placings: 1, Hempsall, 104 pts. 2, S Farrell (Tunstall Wheelers) 75; 3, J Tanner (Choice) 68. Cheshire Classic (Reynolds 531 National women's series, 45 miles). 1, M Johnson (Oundle Velo) 1:59:21; 2, S Boyden (Swaledale CC); 3, S Hodge (Wales) all same time. Farmway Arrow (Reynolds 531 National junior series, Edenbridge, Kent, 100 kilometres): 1, J Taylor (Beeston RC) 2:33:15; 2, S Pearson (Kent League) at 33sec. 3, T Matheson (Dinnington RC) at 1:08. Hounslow and District Wheelers (Ottershaw, Surrey, 86 miles): 1, P Holdsworth (Hounslow and District Wh) 3:52:00; 2, C Roshier (Hounslow and District Wh) at 34sec; 3, M Coyle (Festival RC) at 39sec. Tyne Velo (Edmundbyers, 65 miles): 1, J Wright (North East RT) 2:45:00; 2, C Newton (Middridge CRT) at 45sec; 3, N Dunn (Middridge CRT) at 1:10

TIME-TRIALS: Corraith Classic (Scottish TT League, 18 miles): 1, D Gibson (GS Modena) 41:34; 2, D Nicholson (Greenock RC) 41:58; 3, J Cusack (Glasgow Nightingale CC) 42:01. Beacon RCC Hilly (Worcestershire, 39 miles): S Dangerfield (Leo RC) 1:36.36 (event record). Team: RAF CC, 5.27:19. West Suffolk Wheelers (25 miles): Z Carr (Leo RC) 53:15. Team: Polytechnic CC, 2:57 35. Harlequins CC (Newbury, 25 miles): G Dighton (Leo RC) 55:12. Team: CT Nevada, 3:00:00. Northumberland and Durham CA (25 miles): H Walker (GS Metro) 55:17. Team: GS Metro, 1:01:33 (fastest third rider). Clifton CC (York, 25 miles): L Holmes (Morley CC) 55:55. Team: Morley CC, 2:54:59. Clevedon and District RC (25 miles). D Rogers (Cwmcarn Paragon) 58.07. Team: Cwmcarn Paragon, 2:59:21. Louth Spire RRC Hilly (22.5 miles): R Brewer (Lincoln Wheelers) 58:54. Team: City RC, Hull, 1:02:58 (fastest third rider). Stretford Wheelers Hardriders' (25 miles): P Hodgkinson (Crewe Clarion Wheelers) 58:18. Team: Crewe Clarion Wheelers, 3:04.52. Fife CA (25 miles): G Hutchison (Dunfermline and District CC) 58:22. Team: Denny RC, 3:04:27. Lea Valley RC (Essex, 25 miles): K Platts (Coalville Wheelers) 58:46. West Pennine RC Hilly (Lancashire, 15.3 miles): M Taylor (Cleveleys RC) 36.13. Team: Pendle Forest CC, 1 54 17.

LIEGE-BASTONGE-LIEGE RACE: 1, E Berzin (Russ) 7hr 16min 30sec; 2, L Armstrong (US) 7.18.07; 3, G Furlan (It) 7 18.07; 4, C Chiappucci (It) 7:18.07; 5, S Della Santa (It) 7:18.07.

EQUESTRIANISM

BELTON, Lincolnshire: Horse trials: Pedigree Chum Advanced I: 1, Metronome (P Funnell) 44; 2, Stanwick Ghost (I Stark) 46; 3, Lighter than Air (D O'Connor) 47. Advanced II: 1, Just an Ace (M Todd) 45; 2, Just Jeremy (L Murray) 51; 3, Chief (V Latta) 52. Advanced III: 1, Heron's Flight (P Funnell) 45; 2, Cabaiva Moon (B Tait) 52; 3, Last of the Incas (R Chaddock) 55. Advanced IV: 1, Bertie Blunt (N Burton) 49; 2, King Boris (M Thomson) 52; 3, Optimist (A Nicholson) 52. Advanced V: 1, Delta III (B Tait) 40; 2, King's Jester (A Stibbe) 49; 3, Honeypot Lane II (D Clapham) 50

FOOTBALL

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION: Premier division: Leasowe 2 Red Star Southampton 1: Stanton 3 Ipswich 0.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: United States 1 Moldavia 1 (in Jacksonville, Florida).

GOLF

NEWPORT: Golf Foundation Schools championship: Welsh final: 238: Neath College (D Williams 78; M Selby, J Doble 79). 249: Radyr Comp (C Williams 74, R Simmons 80; M Jones 89). 260: Elfed HS, Buckley (A Webb 85; B Duckworth 86; K Ashcroft 89).

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina: Heritage Classic: Third round (US unless stated): 198: H Irwin 68, 65, 65. 200: R Cochran 67, 67, 66; G Norman (Aus) 67, 66, 67. 203: B Estes 65, 70, 68; D Frost (SA) 70, 61, 72. 204: N Henke 69, 69, 66. 205: J Parnevik (Swe) 68, 68, 69; J McGovern 67, 65, 73. 206: M Dawson 70, 70, 66; M Standly 71, 69, 66; D Edwards 70, 71, 65; J Maggert 67, 72, 67; W Levi 67, 70, 69; F Funk 65, 70, 71. 207: L Roberts 69, 70, 68; P Jacobsen 68, 68, 71; L Mize 67, 65, 75. 208: B Jaeckel 66, 73, 69; W Wood 70, 68, 70; D Barr (Can) 72, 65 71; T Lehman 66, 69, 73.

LACROSSE

NORTH OF ENGLAND MEN'S LEAGUE: Timperley 4 Mellor 11; Heaton Mersey 7 Cheadle 12; Timperley 14 Cheadle 6.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCHES (in Edinburgh): Scotland 5 England 2; Scotland B 3 England B 15.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
First division

Castleford 16 Warrington 21
Castleford: Tries: Crooks, Hay. Goals: Crooks 4. Warrington: Tries: Forster 2, Davies, Roper. Goals: Davies 2. Drop goal: Davies. Att: 5,994.

Halifax 54 Wakefield 16
Halifax: Tries: Bentley 3, Hagen 2, Preston 2, Divorty, Jackson, Sharp. Goals: Schuster 7. Wakefield: Tries: R Goddard, Mason, Wilson. Goals: Paul 2. Att: 5,229.

Hull 37 Featherstone 16
Hull: Tries: Hewitt 2, Gay, Grant, Greenwood, G Nolan. Goals: Hewitt 6. Drop goal: McNamara. Featherstone: Tries: Pearson, Ropati, Simpson. Goals: Pearson 2. Att: 3,484.

Leigh 20 Leeds 52
Leigh: Tries: Rowley 2, Andy Collier, Sarsfield. Goals: Baldwin 2. Leeds: Tries: Hanley 3, Eyres 2, Cummins, Fallon, Iro, Lowes, Mercer. Goals: Holroyd 6. Att: 2,793

Salford 30 Hull KR 12
Salford: Tries: Tyrer 2, Blakeley, Jack, Swift, Tauro. Goals: Blakeley 3. Hull Kingston Rovers: Tries: Charlesworth, Coult. Goals: M Fletcher 2. Att: 2,871.

Sheffield 21 Widnes 6
Sheffield: Tries: Powell 2, Carr, David Fraisse. Goals: Aston 2. Drop goal: Aston. Widnes: Try: McCurrie. Goal: Tyrer. Att: 3,729.

St Helens 28 Oldham 30
St Helens: Tries: Martyn 2, Dwyer, Hunte, Sullivan. Goals: Martyn 3. Oldham: Tries: Heslop 2, Abram, Irwin, Lindner. Goals: Topping 3, Kerry. Drop goals: Gibson, Liddiard. Att: 6,937.

Late result on Friday
Wigan 41 Bradford Northern 14.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warrington	29	22	0	7	592	412	44
Wigan	28	21	0	7	709	385	42
Bradford	28	21	0	7	714	529	42
Castleford	28	18	1	9	737	421	37
Halifax	29	16	2	11	645	551	34
Sheffield	29	16	2	11	686	635	34
St Helens	28	15	1	12	658	482	31
Leeds	28	14	2	12	605	612	30
Hull	29	13	2	14	468	514	28
Widnes	28	14	0	14	497	571	28
Featherstone	29	12	1	16	605	657	25
Salford	29	11	0	18	530	604	22
Oldham	29	10	1	18	548	601	21
Wakefield	29	9	1	19	434	670	19
Hull KR	29	8	0	21	480	772	16
Leigh	29	2	1	26	354	842	5

Second division

Barrow 7 Batley 20
Bramley 20 Huddersfield 30
Dewsbury 22 Swinton 10
L Crusaders 30 Whitehaven 21
Rochdale 20 Doncaster 2
Ryedale York 34 Carlisle 22
Workington 54 Keighley 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Workington	29	21	2	6	708	323	44
Batley	29	21	1	7	702	416	43
Doncaster	29	21	1	7	719	481	43
London C.	29	20	2	7	816	510	42
Huddersfld	29	20	0	9	649	490	40
Keighley	29	18	1	10	780	464	37
Dewsbury	29	17	1	11	738	436	35
Ryedale Y	29	17	1	11	640	461	35
Rochdale	29	17	0	12	686	527	34
Whitehaven	29	14	4	11	566	419	32
Barrow	29	12	1	16	546	721	25
Swinton	29	10	0	19	488	647	20
Carlisle	29	9	0	20	528	852	18
Bramley	29	3	0	26	368	905	6
Hunslet	28	2	1	25	357	766	5
Highfield	28	1	1	26	251	1114	3

WINFIELD CUP: Illawarra 16 Canterbury 26; Manly 28 South Sydney 13; Eastern Suburbs 20 Parramatta 10; Newcastle 19 Cronulla 2; Western Suburbs 24 Canberra 40; Brisbane 10 North Sydney 11; Penrith 24 Balmain 0; St George 40 Gold Coast 16.

RUGBY UNION

CIS County Championship
Final

Durham 3 Yorkshire 26
Durham: Pen: Parker. Yorkshire: Tries: Carroll, Harrison. Cons: Plant 2. Pens: Plant 4.

Courage Clubs Championship
First division

Newcastle G 13 Orrell 12
Newcastle Gosforth: Try: Frankland. Con: Johnson. Pen: Johnson 2. Orrell: Tries: Bibby, Hamer. Con: Ainscough.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	16	15	0	1	367	137	30
Leicester	16	13	0	3	365	167	26
Wasps	15	8	1	6	298	272	17
Bristol	15	8	0	7	254	225	16
Northampton	16	8	0	8	251	295	16
Harlequins	16	7	0	9	282	235	14
Orrell	16	7	0	9	260	246	14
Gloucester	16	5	2	9	197	293	12
London Irish	16	4	0	12	183	321	8
Newcastle G.	16	2	1	13	154	418	5

Fourth division

Sheffield 17 Sudbury 19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clifton	16	14	2	0	423	179	30
Harrogate	16	13	2	1	381	161	28
Liverpool St H	16	10	0	6	358	241	20
Plymouth	16	9	0	7	252	353	18
Aspatria	16	7	0	9	228	273	14
Leeds	16	6	0	10	207	271	12
Askeans	16	5	1	10	227	306	11
Broughton Pk	16	5	0	11	205	333	10
Sudbury	16	4	1	11	209	345	9
Sheffield	16	4	0	12	253	281	8

Swalec Cup
Semi-finals

Cardiff 8 Pontypridd 6
Cardiff: Try: Laity. Pen: Davies. Pontypridd: Pens: Cormack 2.

Llanelli 23 Maesteg 7
Llanelli: Tries: R Evans, I Evans, Quinnell. Con: Stephens. Pen: Stephens. Drop goal: Strange. Maesteg: Try: Watts. Con: Watts.

Heineken Welsh League
First division

Newbridge 11 Bridgend 38
Newbridge: Try: Waters. Pens: Green 2. Bridgend: Tries: Wilkins 2, Howley, P Jones, N Jones. Cons: Lewis 5. Pen: Lewis.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea	20	18	0	2	494	242	36
Neath	20	15	2	3	505	265	32
Cardiff	20	15	1	4	627	195	31
Pontypridd	20	15	1	4	533	267	31
Llanelli	20	13	1	6	443	315	27
Bridgend	20	9	1	10	431	393	19
Newbridge	20	7	1	12	336	402	15
Newport	20	7	1	12	324	437	15
Aberavon	20	6	1	13	234	425	13
Dunvant	20	5	1	14	262	433	11
Pontypool	20	5	0	15	270	606	10
Cross Keys	20	0	0	20	212	671	0

Second division

Llandovery 10 Glamorgan W 17
Llanharan 9 Ebbw Vale 6
Narberth 0 Abertillery 21
Penarth 6 Mt Ash 11
SW Police 47 Tenby Utd 18

Club matches

Askeans 30 Met Police 15
Bedford 13 Bath 18
B'ham/Solihull 7 Burton 5
Blackheath 49 L Scottish 10
Bradford and B 35 Birkenhead Pk 6
Broughton Park 31 Preston G 22
Camborne 57 Devonport Serv 5
Coventry 89 B Stortford 5
Harlequins 22 Rosslyn Park 28
Hereford 7 Bristol 25
High Wycombe 12 Aylesbury 28
Lichfield 15 Cheltenham 0
London Irish 28 Waterloo 25
London Welsh 14 Saracens 30
Lydney 24 Brixham 13
Moseley 46 Aberavon 8
Northampton 35 Richmond 12
Redruth 25 Barnstaple 18
Rugby 10 Fylde 18
Sale 50 Leicester 27
Stoke-on-Trent 51 S Coldfield 12
Stourbridge 13 Liverpool St H 18
Tabard 34 Harlow 10
Vale of Lune 20 Aspatria 16
Weston-s-Mare 19 Walsall 28

CANCELLED: Exeter v Plymouth; Harrogate v West Hartlepool; Havant v Maidstone; Kendal v Northern; London Irish v Oxbridge; Newport v Nottingham; Reading v Esher; Rotherham v Tynedale; Sheffield v Wakefield.

Schools international match
18 group

Scotland 15 Wales 25

County championship
Under-21 final

East Midlands 34 Surrey 22
(at Twickenham)

SUPER 10 TOURNAMENT: Dunedin: Otago 24 Queensland 18. Eden Park: Western Samoa 32 Waikato 16. Port Elizabeth: Eastern Province 31 North Harbour 21.

Yesterday

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Holland 14 England Under-21 56 (in Leiden).

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: United States 76 Ireland 0; England 24 Canada 10; Scotland 0 Wales 8.

NOTTS, LINCS AND DERBYS CUP: Final: Mansfield 34, Scunthorpe 16.

SUSSEX CUP: Final: Horsham 17 Lewes 0

FENCING

BIRMINGHAM: Winton Cup: 1, Scotland West 10 match points; 2, Wales 8

HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION MEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Preliminary round (at Aldershot): Dorset 1, Army 3; Wiltshire 2, Bedfordshire 3; Worcestershire 4, Dorset 1; Army 7, Wiltshire 3; Bedfordshire 1, Worcestershire 5. Dorset 0, Wiltshire 3; Army 7, Bedfordshire 1; Wiltshire 2, Worcestershire 4; Bedfordshire 3, Dorset 4; Worcester 1, Army 4. Final placings: 1. Army; 2. Worcestershire; 3. Wiltshire; 4. Dorset; 5. Bedfordshire. Other qualifiers: Pool one (Plymouth): Cheshire. Pool two: (Hereford): Essex. Pool three (Nottingham): Nottinghamshire. Pool four (Cannock): Staffordshire. Pool five (Woking): Surrey. Pool six (Aldershot): Army. Pool seven (Liverpool): Lancashire. Pool eight (Newcastle): Shropshire.

FIVE NATIONS WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (Argentina): Australia 2 England 0; Argentina 2 South Africa 1.

MIDLANDS WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Aldridge 0, Kettering 0.

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North (at Sheffield): Sheffield League 1 Durham 2; Yorkshire 4 Lancashire CL 0; Lancashire 0 Cheshire 1; Manchester League 0 Cumbria 1; Humberside 3 Durham 4; Yorks 1 Cheshire 0; Sheffield League 0 Northumberland 2; Lancs 0 Lancs CL 0; Humberside 1 Cumbria 0; Manchester League 0 Durham 2; cheshire 4 Lancs CL 1; Yorks 1 Lancs 0; Sheffield League 4 Cumbria 2; Northumberland 2 Manchester League 1. Final placings: 1 Yorks; 2 Cheshire; 3 Lancs. South (Bisham): Bucks 1 Berks 4; Oxon 3 Sussex 0; Middlesex 1 Surrey 1; Bucks 3 Sussex 1; Oxon 1 Surrey 3; Surrey 5 Sussex 0; Berks 3 Middlesex 0; Bucks 1 Oxon 2; Berks 1 Surrey 0, Oxon 0 Middlesex 0. Final placings: 1 Berks 15; 2 Surrey 10; 3 Oxon 7. Midlands (at Birmingham): Warwicks 4 Northants 0; Notts 0 Worcs 1; Derbys 1 Shropshire 0; Leics 0 Staffs 8; Northants 4 Worcs 2; Warwicks 6 Notts 1; Derbys 0 Staffs 4; Leics 4 Shropshire 1. Final placings: 1 Staffs 12; 2 Warwicks 9; 3 Northants 7.

East (at Peterborough) Lincs 1 Suffolk 5; Lincs 1 Kent 13; Kent 2 Suffolk 1. Final placings: 1 Kent 6pts; 2 Suffolk 3; 3 Lincs 0. West (at Bournemouth): Devon 0 Wiltshire 1; Gloucestershire 0 Cornwall 0; Dorset 2 Somerset 2, Wiltshire 0 Herefordshire 3; Devon 0 Gloucestershire 1; Dorset 2 Cornwall 0, Devon 1 Cornwall 2; Somerset 0 Herefordshire 1; Dorset 1 Herefordshire 2; Wiltshire 0 Somerset 0; Cornwall 1 Somerset 1; Devon 0 Herefordshire 0; Somerset 0 Gloucestershire 0; Cornwall 2 Wiltshire 1; Gloucestershire 2 Wiltshire 1; Dorset 0 Devon 0; Cornwall 0 Herefordshire 1; Somerset 2 Devon 1; Gloucestershire 2 Herefordshire 0; Dorset 5 Wiltshire 0. Final placings: 1. Herefordshire 13; 2, Gloucestershire 12; 3, Dorset 9; 4, Cornwall 8; 5, Somerset 7; 6, Wiltshire 4; 7, Devon 2.

ICE HOCKEY

COPENHAGEN: World championships: pool B: Romania 7 China 1; Switzerland 3 Poland 3; Japan 2 Holland 2.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Championship play-offs: Group A: Cardiff 10 Whitley Bay 9; Nottingham 6 Durham 4. Group B: Fife 4 Sheffield 5; Murrayfield 15 Humberside 5. Promotion/Relegation play-offs: Group A: Billingham 12 Telford 9; Blackburn 4 Milton Keynes 9. Group B: Romford 2 Peterborough 7; Medway 4 Slough 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Eastern Conference quarter-final play-offs: Boston 3 Montreal 2 (Boston lead best-of-seven series 1-0).

MOTOR RACING

BRANDS HATCH: Auto Trader British touring car championship: Second round: 1, G Tarquini (It) Alfa Romeo 155, 24min 4.82sec; 2, G Simoni (It) Alfa Romeo 155, at 3.14sec; 3, J Cleland (GB) Vauxhall Cavalier, at 7.92; 4, A Rouse (GB) Ford Mondeo, at 8.04; 5, P Radisich (NZ) Ford Mondeo, at 15.36; 6, J Allam (GB) Vauxhall Cavalier, at 15.77. Third round: 1, Tarquini 23:58.52; 2, Cleland at 5.42; 3, Rouse at 6.19; 4, Radisich at 10.40; Allam at 13.65; 6 S Soper (GB) BMW 318i, at 15.20. Overall: 1, Tarquini 72pts; 2, Cleland 48; 3, Rouse 22; 4, Simoni 21; 5, Radisich 18; 6, Soper 17. Manufacturers: 1, Alfa Romeo 72; 2, Vauxhall 54; 3, BMW 28.

RAC BRITISH SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP: First round (Curborough, Staffs): 1, R Lane (Pilbeam) 28.58sec; 2, M Colton (Roman) 28.79; 3, P Wood (Pilbeam) 28.86.

REAL TENNIS

AIKEN, South Carolina: World over-50s doubles championship (US unless stated): Semi-finals: M McMurrugh and C Barnes (GB) bt J Grant (GB) and H Honeck 6-4, 6-2; R and S Howe bt S Abernathy and T Crook (GB) 6-2, 6-2. World over-50s singles: Semi-finals: R Howe bt Barnes 6-1, 6-4; S Howe bt McMurrugh 6-1, 6-3. Aiken doubles championship: Second round: Grant and S Jones (GB) bt Crook and Barnes 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; McMurrugh and B Jury (GB) bt D Rutherford and Honeck 6-3, 6-4. Quarter-finals: C Bostwick and W Fairbarns (GB) bt Grant and Jones 6-5, 8-4; McMurrugh and Jury bt R Michelson and J Wharton 6-3, 6-5; K Curran and V Frezza bt S Abernathy and H McMorris 6-4, 6-4.

SHOOTING

GEORGETOWN: Guyana goodwill rifle tournament: Teams of six (300, 600 and 900 yards): 1, London and Middlesex 848.80 (A Barnes 145.18, T Bedwell 144.13, C Mallett 142.15, M Cotway 140.12, R Worsy 139.11, M Kriklo-Stecewicz 138.11); 2, Guyana 843.80 (L Bsakhwaite 145.15); 3, Goodwill team 798.52 (C Paul 137.11).

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 57 King's Lynn 39. Second division: Edinburgh 64 Sheffield 32; Oxford 70 Exeter 26; Peterborough 55 Swindon 41; Swindon 49 Peterborough 47.

PREMIERSHIP: First leg: Bradford 60 Arena Essex 36.

SPEEDWAY STAR CUP: First round, first leg: Cardley Heath 70 Ipswich 26.

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON: Reebok Tour: Men: Semi-finals: P Hand (Berks) bt J Hunter (Surrey) 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; N Wheal (Surrey) bt T Spinks (Norfolk) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Final: Hand bt Wheal 7-6, 6-2. Women: Semi-finals: K Hand (Berks) bt L Jeffs (Oxon) 6-2, 6-4; L Ahl (Devon) bt E Bond (Gloucs) 6-3, 6-1. Final: Ahl bt Hand 6-3, 7-6.

NICE: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: J Courier (US) bt M Rosset (Swit) 6-0, 6-3; A Berasategui (Sp) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: M Chang (US) bt B Gilbert (US) 6-2, 7-5; P Rafter (Aus) bt I Lendl (US) 6-3, 6-4. Final: Chang bt Rafter 6-1, 6-3.

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama: US clay court championships: Quarter-finals: J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt J Eltingh (Holl) 6-4 6-2; J Palmer (US) bt J-F Altur (Sp) 6-3, 6-1; M Filippini (Uru) bt D Wit (US) 6-3, 7-5; G Markus (Arg) bt D Orsanic (Arg) 6-3, 6-0. Semi-finals: Stoltenberg bt Filippini 7-5, 7-6; Markus bt Palmer 6-4, 6-4.

BANGKOK: Women's tournament: Final: S Appelmans (Bel) bt P Fendick (US) 6-7, 7-6, 6-3.

SQUASH

AACHEN, Germany: Dunlop Euregio women's tournament: Semi-finals: S Horner (Eng) bt R Cooper (Aus) 9-2, 9-7, 9-3; J Martin (Eng) bt S Wright (Eng) 9-6, 9-6, 9-6. Final: Horner bt Martin 9-2, 3-9, 9-2, 9-4.

NEW YORK: Tournament of Champions: First round (England unless stated): S Parke bt S Meads 7-15, 15-11, 15-8, 15-9; R Eyles (Aus) bt M Cairns 15-9, 15-12, 15-7, Zarak Jehan Khan (Pak) bt Mir Zaman Gul (Pak) 15-17, 15-10, 17-14, 15-10; P Whitlock bt S Franz (Ger) 15-6, 15-13, 13-15, 15-12; D Meddings bt D Webb 15-6, 11-15, 15-7, 15-5; J Bonetat (Fr) bt M Maclean (Scot) 15-9, 15-10, 15-11; P Marshall bt D Harris 16-17, 15-7, 15-9.

TRIATHLON

ST CROIX, US Virgin Islands: Professional tour: Men: 1 M Pigg (US) 2hr 33min 12sec; 2 J Ricciteilo (US) 2:35:55; 3 M Bates (Can) 2:36:51; 4 M Ornelles (Br) 2:37:46; 5 W Hobson (US) 2:38:30. Women (US unless stated): 1 K Smyers 2:53:23; 2 M Sorenson 2:56: 24; 3 D Peters 2:56:43; 4 P Newby-Fraser (Zim) 2:58:05; 5 W Ingraham 2:58:18.

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POOLE: BT/RYA Match racing championships: First round: 1, S Childerly (Southampton); 2, I Budgen (Southampton); 3, S Rich (Milford Haven); 4, C Foster (Southampton).

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FOOTBALL

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Hendon v Marlow; Stevenage v Molesey. First division: Ruislip v Windsor and Eton.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridlington v Emley. First division: Curzon Ashton v Gretna.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hednesford v Cheltenham.

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NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Final: Lincoln United v Pontefract.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Lowestoft v Diss.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton v Torrington.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leicester v Everton (7.0); York v Nottingham Forest (7.0). Second division: Blackpool v Barnsley (7.0); Burnley v Mansfield (7.15); Hull v Middlesbrough (7.0); Port Vale v West Bromwich; Preston v Grimsby.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Queens Park Rangers; Charlton v Portsmouth (7.0); Chelsea v Bristol Rovers (7.0); Luton v Swindon (2.0); Oxford Utd v Norwich; Watford v Brighton.

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Cardiff and Llanelli overcome testing opposition in Swalec Cup semi-finals

Pontypridd rue absence of Jenkins

Cardiff 8
Pontypridd 6

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IF LLANELLI have made themselves the Bath of Wales in terms of dominating the cup competition, Cardiff are the Harlequins — and not only because both clubs happen to employ a coach from Queensland. It is more an attitude of mind from two distinguished clubs, the sum of whose parts is not always what outsiders believe it should be.

Nonetheless Cardiff, their league challenge having petered out, will meet Llanelli in the final of the Swalec Cup at Cardiff Arms Park on May 7 after achieving a distinctly old-fashioned scoreline (a try and a penalty goal to two penalties) against Pontypridd at Rodney Parade on Saturday. It will be their first final since 1987, earned in a frenetic encounter that left Pontypridd, for all the accolades their play this season has won, still frustratingly outside the magic circle comprising Swansea, Llanelli, Cardiff and Neath.

Throughout the weekend Pontypridd will have agonised over whether the presence of Neil Jenkins might have tilted the balance. The Wales stand-off half, so influential a player for club and country this season for his general play and for his points-scoring (an average of 15 a match is not to be sniffed at), gave best to his strained hamstring only on Saturday morning and left Crispin Cormack in his place.

Once of London Welsh, Cormack at 6ft 3in, is an untypical stand-off. His tactical kicking served Pontypridd well but he could kick only two of his seven penalty attempts, the last of them in injury time. That, though, was not the critical one: ten minutes into the second half he had the chance to give his side a 9-3 lead from 20 metres. He tried to fire a low goal into the cold, diagonal breeze and mishit the ball, which rebounded from an upright.

"The woodwork stopped us in the end because Cardiff never looked like creating much," Nigel Bezani, Pontypridd's captain, said. "Jenkins's absence may have been decisive but Cormack did a good job and you can't lay the blame on any one individual." It was a generous and accurate assessment because Adrian Davies fared little better for Cardiff, missing four penalties and a conversion.

Instead, two ferocious packs of forwards slugged it out and Cardiff, to their credit, survived the temporary loss of both props with head wounds and the lineout performance of Prosser which, for an hour, was utterly secure. But no player emerged to stamp authority on the game and Alex Evans, the Cardiff coach whose club has recovered notably from last season's disappointment of losing to St Peter's in the cup, admitted his players will have to improve in the final.

Fewer penalties (26 conceded against 14) would help. But Evans believes his forwards have not played better all season and is delighted with the progress made by Derwyn Jones. At 6ft 10in, Jones is not short of presence, though whether he will ever be placed in the same category as Eales and Morgan, the Australian internationals from Evans's native state, remains doubtful.

You would not have put money on Cardiff (six internationals to Pontypridd's one — Collins, an old boy of Cardiff) even when they took the lead midway through the second half and had the wind to bolster them. Up to that point Pontypridd had looked the more likely winners, having taken a 6-0 lead and shown greater cohesion at lineout and, through their boisterous back row, in the loose.

Cardiff offered little encouragement when they started the second half with a double penalty, backchat to the referee compounding a collapsed maul. But they seized the moment when Davies lofted a high ball, Laity leapt above Back to retrieve it, passed to Williams and then took the return to score the game's only try.

Even then Pontypridd had the strength of mind to drive a rolling maul about 40 metres to the Cardiff 22 but, when the collapse came, Cormack could not kick the goal. Moreover, the Cardiff defence this season has been miserly so that, for all the elusive running of Steele Lewis and the strength of McIntosh, Pontypridd could never create sustained pressure. To rub salt in the wound and remind Pontypridd of what they will be missing, next Saturday's league game is against Llanelli, the cup-holders.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Try: Laity. Penalty goal: Davies. Pontypridd: Penalty goals: Cormack (2).
CARDIFF: M Rayer; S Ford, M Hall, C Laity, N Walker; A Davies, A Moore; M Griffiths, J Humphreys, L Mustoe, M Bennett, T Rees, D Jones, M Budd, O Williams. Mustoe replaced temporarily by P Sedgemore (10-12min), permanently (71). Griffiths temporarily replaced by Sedgemore (12-20).
PONTYPRIDD: M Back; D Manley, J Lewis, S Lewis, O Robbins; C Cormack, Paul John; N Bezani, Phil John, A Metcalfe, M Lloyd, G Prosser, M Rowley, R Collins, D McIntosh.
Referee: D Davies (Llanbradach).

HUW EVANS



Jones, of Cardiff, gets a helping hand to secure lineout ball during the semi-final victory over Pontypridd

Bold challenge of Maesteg fails to achieve final reward

Llanelli 23
Maesteg 7

BY GERALD DAVIES

THE scoreline appears to confirm the one-sided result that was expected of this semi-final on Saturday. Such a margin, and more, was foretold but the outcome does not convey by a long way the actual nature of the contest. This match belonged to Maesteg. If there was any justice in sport then it is the second-division club from the upper end of the Llynfi Valley which should, by rights, be appearing in the final.

Maesteg arrived at The Gnoll, Neath, not having reached this stage of the competition before. Yet they know the game could have been remembered for so much more. They nearly created the greatest upset in the history of the competition. To have lowered the reputation of Wales's foremost exponents of the cup game, and to have beaten them at their own style of fluid rugby, would have been quite a feather in the cap of the Old Parish.

As it was, for over an hour they played their hearts out and led for the whole of that time. Llanelli had to dig deep into their reserves and left it late before finally securing a victory that takes them to Cardiff Arms Park to challenge for the trophy for the twelfth time.

There was plenty of fury and passion in Maesteg's performance. There was a sense of a do-or-die effort as if the devil was biting at their heels. But there was more. They played a brand of rugby that Llanelli often boast about. It was inventive. It was fast. And, but for an error or two, they might have collected a score that would have embarrassed their opponents. They fully turned the tables on Llanelli who were hurried, nervous and daring nothing. Forget the Scarlets' fame. Here they seemed motivated by fear. There was not the smooth seeking of open space, preferring instead close-quarter encounters to make ground which, apart from the opening stages, they rarely achieved.

Watts and Lewis controlled matters and varied the play of Maesteg so that Llanelli were uncertain what next to expect. The Llanelli three-quarters might have had the bigger reputations but it was Roddy Boobyer and Wilcocks, with Davey entering the line from full back, who created havoc. Nobody was seen more than Gilby and Pincher in the front row. Each played a delightful game.

Maesteg's try, when it came in the eighteenth minute, was out of the top drawer. Llanelli, rolling their maul, lost possession and Watts, near his own ten-metre line, threw a long pass to Boobyer. He sent his brother, Neil, one way and ran the other. In a blink of an eye he was supported by Lewis and Paul Thomas, who gave the final pass to Watts to score under the posts and add the extra points.

They were to remain in the driving seat until the third minute of injury time in the first half. On a rare visit to Maesteg's line, Llanelli had a scrum. Quinnell broke, Moon supported as did Neil Boobyer, and his long pass to Ieuan Evans sent in the Wales wing for a score. Llanelli had hardly deserved to be so close at the interval.

Playing into the stiff breeze did not change the pattern much for Maesteg but Watts's missed penalty in the nineteenth minute probably did. A successful kick was the additional motivation they needed. Instead, the miss gave Llanelli impetus. Seven minutes later Stephens kicked his side into the lead, but Llanelli were still in desperate mood. Ieuan Evans and Stephens attempted three dropped goals between them. Then, with five minutes to go, two excellent tries in quick succession from Quinnell and Ricky Evans, and a dropped goal by Strange, gave Llanelli a flattering margin of victory.

SCORERS: Llanelli: Tries: I Evans, Quinnell, R Evans. Conversion: Stephens. Penalty goal: Stephens. Dropped goal: Strange. Maesteg: Try: Watts. Conversion: Watts.
LLANELLI: J Strange; I Evans, N Davies, N Boobyer, W Proctor; C Stephens, R Moon; R Evans, A Lamerton, H Williams-Jones, M Perego, P Davies, A Copsey, L Jones, S Quinnell. Copsey replaced by P Jones (79min).
MAESTEG: B Davey; D Williams, R Boobyer, G Wilcocks, J Hopkins; M Watts, H Lewis, P Riley, L Gilby, P Pincher, P Buckle, L Harvey, S Thomas, P Thomas, A Williams.
Referee: C Thomas (Swansea).

Harrison's try puts seal on Yorkshire triumph

Yorkshire 26
Durham 3

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

THE amorphic parameters that regulate player eligibility proved no barrier for Yorkshire at Twickenham on Saturday as they out-thought, outgunned and outplayed Durham to win the county championship, sponsored by CIS Insurance, by as convincing a margin as the one-sided scoreline suggests.

This season, the competition was designed to preclude players from the first and second divisions of the Courage Clubs Championship, and as a result was correctly regarded by many — Yorkshire supporters included — as something of a second-rate affair, but as a spectacle the final lacked little and outstanding form on paper was freely translated into deeds on the field.

Durham competed as best they could and made worthy finalists if only for the defeat of Cornwall at Redruth in the last four, but they failed to reproduce the forward domination that rocked Yorkshire in their group match at Morley in October.

To add to the champions' satisfaction, Mike Harrison, 38, the former England captain who was recalled late last week when Jon Eagle pulled out with a knee injury, scampered home for a popular try on the right wing with 11 minutes to go, while Bryan Barley, 34, Harrison's former colleague at Wakefield and skipper of the side, was delighted to bow out of representative rugby on a winning note, particularly as Yorkshire rallied so competently to his call for a display of the running game.

"I am happy to step down and leave it to younger Yorkshire backs to build on what we have achieved this season," he said.

Another veteran, Kevin Plant, 37, the Rotherham stand-off half, applied pressure for Yorkshire with an excellent display of place-kicking, but the platform for victory was a dominant pack, which caused Durham so many problems in the lineout.

In the mauls, Durham had no answer to the driving and handling of Charles Vyvyan, Christian Raducanu and Ian Carroll, and after Plant had kicked his first three penalty goals, it was Carroll who scored the game's first try, barging his way over after a handling movement in which the ball recycled at least five times.

In an open second half, Vyvyan provided the link between David Breakwell and Guy Easterby in the counter-attack which set up Harrison for his score.

From the roar that went up when he crossed the line, the Yorkshire folk who made what is becoming an annual pilgrimage south will not forget it either.

SCORERS: Yorkshire: Tries: Carroll, Harrison. Conversions: Plant (2). Penalty goals: Plant (4). Durham: Penalty goal: Parker.
YORKSHIRE: D Breakwell (Leeds); M Harrison (Wakefield), B Barley (Sandal, captain), S Bumhill (Cleckheaton), C Thornton (Leeds); K Plant (Rotherham), G Easterby (Harrogate); R Szabo (Wakefield), R Wrigley (Harrogate), S McMain (Sheffield), C West (Rotherham), I Carroll (Otley), C Raducanu (Bradford and Bingley), N Hargreaves (Leeds), C Vyvyan (Wharfedale).
DURHAM: G Spearman (Blaydon); O Evans (West Hartlepool), P Nicholls (Rosslyn Park), I Bell (Hartlepool Rovers), C Mattison (Durham City); A Parker (West Hartlepool), S Kirkup (Durham City); R Naisbitt (Stockton, captain), I Pamaby (Weston), M Douthwaite (Stockton), S Musgrove (Weston), G Wanless (Durham City), C Aldus (Stockton), D McKinnon (West Hartlepool), B Dixon (Stockton). Evans replaced by K McCallum (Durham City, 37min); Spearman replaced by J Brown (Novocastrians, 76).
Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).



Barley lifts the trophy after his last game for Yorkshire

Bracken and Hunter out of tour party

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

KYRAN Bracken, the Bristol scrum half who made such an impact on his international debut against New Zealand, and Ian Hunter, the Northampton full back, have been forced to withdraw from England's rugby union tour to South Africa next month.

Bracken's place was always in doubt because of final law examinations which he had hoped to have deferred, but his absence has created a genuine problem because his natural replacement, Northampton's Matthew Dawson, has struggled for form.

Given the number of inexperienced players already in the squad and the hard midweek games on the tour itinerary, the selectors have reverted to Steve Bates, whose one cap came against Romania five years ago. The dependable qualities of Bates, 31, the Wasps scrum half, give him the place ahead of emerging players such as Ian Sanders (Bath) or Rob Kitchin (Bristol), neither of whom have held down first-team places with their clubs consistently.

Hunter was delighted to play against Wales last month in the final five nations' championship match in his club position rather than on the wing but has conceded that the knee operation he underwent three years ago will prevent him touring. The unlucky Northampton player was forced out of the British Isles tour to New Zealand last summer with a dislocated shoulder and feels that the eight-match tour on South Africa's hard grounds may undo all the good rehabilitation work he has achieved since.

"My consultant gave me a six-week recovery time and was prepared to let me to go South Africa but he could not promise that the healing process would not be ruined," Hunter said. "It was a close decision for me and I would have gone if we had been playing on the soft ground of New Zealand rather than the hard pitches of South Africa.

"I have done the right thing. I'll be training throughout the summer and I'll be a different player next season which is very important and ends with the World Cup. It was a hard decision to take in some ways, easy in others. I needed two operations last season and the knee has never been right since. It has led to hamstring problems and I'll need my knees for the next 50 years."

A replacement full back has yet to be named because the team management has still to be convinced that David Pears (Harlequins) will be fully fit. Pears, Jeremy Guscott and Rob Andrew did not undergo all the fitness tests when the squad gathered at Loughborough University for physical examination over the weekend and when the players meet again for training in London on Saturday the selectors will be desperately keen to see if Pears can travel.

As things stand Jonathan Callard, the Bath full back capped three times this season, may yet find a tour place, although Paul Hull (Bristol) has demonstrated for his club and in representative matches how mature a player he has become.

Were Hull, 25, to be preferred — and he is capable of playing wing and stand-off half as well as full back — then Callard would have slipped to fourth choice just two months after winning the Calcutta Cup for England by his goalkicking.

Healy's treble sinks Dutch

Holland 14
England Under-21 56

FROM DAVID HANDS
IN LEIDEN

AUSTIN Healy became accustomed to the media last season when Waterloo made their mark on rugby union's Pilkington Cup. Having transferred clubs he has languished this season, mostly in Orrell's second team, but the little wing went into overdrive at the DIOK ground here yesterday, scoring three tries as England's under-21 team disposed of the Dutch national side by five goals, three tries and two penalty goals to a try and three penalties.

This was the first time the under-21s have played since their defeat of Ireland last November and to celebrate they established a new mark in their four-match series with the Dutch, surpassing the 48 points scored here two years ago. They go on to more tricky assignments against the under-21 teams of Italy (May 8 in Robigo) and France (May 11 in Rouen), but they will do so with a competitive pack.

What they lack, however, is midfield authority, though conditions yesterday did much to destroy constructive rugby, a strong cold wind making it largely a game of one half. The genuine penetration came from Stimpson, the languid full back, whose deceptive pace set up Healy for all three tries and Corry for the final one on his under-21 debut.

Greater understanding may be more easily achieved on their brief tour than the task that faces Holland when they go to Italy for the World Cup qualifying tournament next month. Without two first-choice locks the Dutch lacked poundage and the cohesion which will be needed.

The writing was on the wall when they turned to face the wind trailing 23-14. Though Michelsen — one of ten players from DIOK, Holland's champion club for six successive years, to get on the field — paved the way for Marcker's try with a kick which drifted away from Stimpson, he also sliced two kicks which gave England tries, one to Shaw.

Diprose confirmed his rise in stature with his involvement in nearly every productive England move but his colleagues could not ram home their authority until the final ten minutes. Becconsall scored after a cheeky dummy which carried the entire Dutch back division with it and Stimpson made 60 metres before releasing Healy for his third try.

SCORERS: Holland: Try: Marcker. Penalty goals: Michelsen (3). England Under-21: Tries: Healy (3), Shaw, Johnson, Yandell, Becconsall, Corry. Conversions: Stimpson (5). Penalty goals: Stimpson (2).
HOLLAND: J Verhoog (DIOK); M Chaudron (DIOK), M Barcker (Castricum), H Voogd (The Hague), M Nagtegaal (Hilversum); M Michelsen (DIOK), M Eman (The Hague); F Beers (DIOK), Y Kummer (DIOK), G de Vries (Amsterdam, captain), R Broers (DIOK), K Pelt (Delft Studenten), J Ienhoff (Amsterdam), M Visser (Hilversum), L Suring (DIOK). C Lion-Cachet (DIOK) replaced Visser (44min); G Bos (DIOK) replaced Barcker (45); M Magis (Delft Studenten) replaced Suring (55); E Chaudron (DIOK) replaced Voogd (68).
ENGLAND UNDER-21: T Stimpson (Wakefield); J Naylor (Orrell), D Edwards (Wakefield), N Greenstock (Wasps), A Healy (Orrell); R Dix (Llandovery), G Becconsall (Moseley); S Brown (Harlequins), C Johnson (Leicester), D Crompton (Bath), M Corry (Newcastle Gosforth), C Yandell (Llandovery), S Shaw (Bristol), R Hill (Saracens), A Diprose (Saracens), P Scrivenor (Wasps) replaced Yandell (61).
Referee: R Hope (Wales).

England advance in impressive fashion

BY ALAN LORIMER

ENGLAND, joint favourites to win the women's rugby world championship, cleared the quarter-final hurdle by defeating Canada 24-10 at Galashiels yesterday. England won the try count by 4-1 and left the impression that they have a lot more scoring power in reserve.

Canada, although strong in defence, could not match the technical skills of the England forwards who dominated the lineouts, through some athletic jumping from Gill Burns and Heather Stirrup, who provided the bulk of England's posession from this source.

With Karen Almond, the stand-off and captain, both long and accurate with her line-kicking Canada found it difficult to get into the match.

Jacqui Edwards, the Blackheath centre and Annie Cole, the Saracens wing, crossed for tries in the first half while the second-half scorers were Emma Mitchell and Almond, who landed two conversions. Josee LaCasse scored a late try for Canada which was converted by Natashe Shiels, who also kicked a penalty.

Wales joined England in the semi-finals, where they will meet the United States, as the result of an 8-0 victory over Scotland at Melrose. In a closely-fought match, played at a furious pace, Wales struck a telling blow ten minutes from full time when Kim Yau scored a try after full back Kate Richards had come cleverly into the line. Amanda Bennet, the stand-off, missed the conversion kick but did succeed with a penalty to seal victory.

Scotland matched the Welsh up front but in the end the greater experience of the Welsh side and the combined skills of Lisa Burgess, a powerful No 8, and Bess Evans at scrum half, provided their country with a decisive advantage.

Agassi the key player in pointer to Paris

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MONTE CARLO

THE genuine build-up to the French Open, the only grand slam championship to be staged on clay, starts for the men today. Here, at the country club set among the cliffs overlooking the Mediterranean, lies the first reliable signpost on the road to Paris.

Although not the first clay-court tournament of the season, the Monte Carlo Open is the first to feature most of the main contenders for Roland Garros next month. Already regarded as a sound gauge, its reputation was enhanced last year, albeit retrospectively.

Little notice was taken at the time of the finalists but the winner, Sergi Bruguera, went on to become the first Spaniard for two decades to be crowned in Paris, and the runner-up, Cedric Pioline, later reached the final of the US Open.

The central attraction here this year will be Andre Agassi, appearing in Europe for the first time since Wimbledon last year, when he was troubled by tendinitis in the right wrist. Surgery and a five-month lay-off has corrected the damage beyond even his expectations.

"From a medical standpoint, I wasn't that concerned because all of the experts said that, after the cortisone treatment and the surgery, everything would be fine" Agassi said. "But I wondered if I could get it back after being out for so long and my ranking dropping so low."

Reassurance was provided last month at Key Biscayne. There, in reaching the final of a tournament justifiably considered to be unofficially the fifth grand slam event, he persuaded observers that he was close to regaining prime form and condition.

"Six months ago, when I had the surgery, being fit for the French Open seemed to be out of the question," he said. "But the way the year has started, I'm hoping that by that time I'll be playing my best ever on clay."

That is no mean claim. Agassi has twice been the runner-up at the French Open, in 1990 to Andres Gomez and in 1991 after leading Jim Courier two sets to one.

Agassi has confirmed that he will continue to be guided by Brad Gilbert, a master tactician, whenever possible during his travels. He plans to compete in Atlanta before returning to European clay at Rome and Paris. His Wimbledon challenge is to be shaped in the United States.

Courier, twice the French champion and the runner-up to Bruguera last year, was not originally entered here but yesterday he requested a wild card because he feels he needs more match practice.

By not entering, Courier was one of the few notable absentees from a field which boasts eight of the world's top ten players. They include Michael Stich, who has been drawn against Guy Forget, a Frenchman making a comeback from a serious knee injury which has kept him out for almost a year.

Boris Becker and Pete Sampras, both of whom have won all of the grand slam titles except the French, are the other casualties. Becker has been ruled out by a wrist injury and Sampras has chosen to rest after collecting his sixth title of the year.

Agassi, Sampras's victim in the Key Biscayne final, said of Sampras: "He's proving time and time again that it doesn't matter who he is playing against. The guy is playing on top of the world right now and I think he is capable of winning on clay as well".

That is his opinion. Monte Carlo will give no indication whether Sampras is indeed ready to become only the fourth man in history and the first since Rod Laver in 1969 to hold all four grand slam titles at the same time.

PATRICK HERZOG



Berasategui, a new force to be reckoned with in the hard-court game, gives a clenched-fist salute after his impressive win over Edberg

Courier outplayed by bold Spaniard

ALBERTO Berasategui, of Spain, a fast-rising clay-court specialist, beat the former world No 1, Jim Courier, in straight sets to win the Nice Open tennis tournament yesterday.

Berasategui, 20, who was unseeded, had knocked out the top seed, Stefan Edberg, in the quarter-finals. He overpowered Courier to win 6-4, 6-2 in 97 minutes.

The Spaniard, ranked 34th in the world, broke Courier's service to take a 3-2 lead in the first set and then stayed firmly in control, underlining his mental strength by saving two break points at 5-4 before wrapping up the first set.

Berasategui, who had to struggle for three sets to move past the Czech, Slava Dosedel, in a rain-delayed semi-final only a couple of hours before the final, opened up a 3-0 lead in the second set.

Courier, who needed just over an hour to beat Marc Rosset in straight sets in his morning semi-final, managed to take Berasategui's service in the next game but the Spaniard otherwise showed no signs of weakness and went on to record the second big win of his career, following that in Sao Paulo last year.

Courier, 23, who has dropped to fourth place in the ATP rankings after a series of poor results, has not won a tournament for eight months. Once the game's dominating force on clay, he has a long way to go to recover the form which allowed him to win the French Open twice, in 1991 and 1992.

Both finalists will now travel a few kilometres along the French Riviera for the lucrative Monte Carlo Open which starts today.

☐ Michael Chang comfortably won his first title in Hong Kong yesterday by beating Patrick Rafter, of Australia, who went on court suffering from food poisoning, by 6-1, 6-3 in the final of the Salem Open.

The top seed's win was rather a hollow one for Rafter, 21, played the match after being placed on an intravenous drip in an attempt to be fit for his first ATP Tour final.

Organisers put back the starting time by an hour, but the effects of the illness were apparent as Rafter dropped his service twice to lose the first set in 30 minutes.

He was clearly exhausted midway through the second set and Chang closed out the match, watched by Hong Kong's governor, Chris Patten, in 67 minutes. "I have to give Pat credit for even stepping out on to the court," Chang said after receiving a cheque for $42,600.

Rafter was completely spent in the locker-room and received medical treatment for over an hour before leaving the stadium.

He said he had been determined to play after being the form player of the tournament over the first six days. He defeated the second seed and former world No 1, Ivan Lendl, in straight sets in the semi-final.

"It was a great week for me. I was striking the ball really well and it was a shame not to feel 100 per cent when the big day arrived. But that's life."

Rafter had been scheduled to play in the doubles final with Joern Bjorkman, of Sweden, against Jim Grabb and Brett Steven but had to withdraw, the Americans being handed a walkover.

Handling ability flourishes in Welsh back line

Scotland Under-19..... 15
Wales Under-19..... 25

BY ALAN LORIMER

WALES achieved their third rugby union victory this season at under-19 level by beating Scotland at Bridgehaugh to follow wins over Italy and England.

Only France have stood in the way of a grand slam for the Welsh side, which on Saturday did to Scotland what they had done to England by running in three tries and confirming that the handling game is not yet dead.

It was especially pleasing to see all the tries scored from the wings, two by Richard Jones and one by Dafydd James. All three were the result of pace and sure handling in the centre, where Lee Davies and Graham Jones displayed the traditional traits of the Welsh running game.

When scoring opportunities presented themselves, both centres took the pass at speed and, crucially, ran straight to set up tries — albeit that they were helped by some slack defence in the Scottish back line.

The Welsh threequarters were also aided by their half backs, with Kevin Mably at scrum half concentrating on a quick service to his stand-off, Arwel Thomas, who, besides showing a mature awareness of his tactical options, put in a number of lengthy line kicks.

The Welsh skills behind the scrum were in contrast to Scotland's laboured efforts to move the ball wide. Colin McRoberts, a sprinter capable of running 100 metres in 10.7sec, had to wait until the second half before receiving his first pass and when he did he immediately rounded his opposite number.

The problem was in the distribution of the ball through the half backs and a tendency for the centres to align themselves in a flat position, making it virtually impossible to inject any pace into handling moves.

Scotland can take some encouragement in defeat from the display of their dynamic forwards, several of whom look as though they might figure in national teams at a higher level.

Particularly impressive was the back-row trio of Graham Dall, Tam McVie and David McLeish, who had the not inconsiderable task of keeping a hold on Craig Quinnell, the younger brother of the Wales No 8, Scott Quinnell. The performance of the latter indicated he may be following the same path to international honours.

SCORERS: Scotland Under 19: Penalties: Richards (3). Dropped goals: Duncan (2). Wales under 19: Tries: R Jones (2), D James. Conversions: Thomas (2). Penalties: Thomas (2).
SCOTLAND UNDER 19: C Richards (Jed-Forest); C McRoberts (Stirling County), C Murray (Hawick), D Cross (Corstorphine), H Gilmour (Heriot's FP); M I Duncan (Bleydon), D Paterson (Gala); M McCluskie (Musselburgh), G Bulloch (Hutchesons'/Aloysians), S Stewart (Edinburgh Academicals), S Begley (Blackheath), G Parrot (West of Scotland), T Mellie (Edinburgh Academicals), D McLeish (Hutchesons'/Aloysians), G Dall (Heriot's FP).
WALES UNDER 19: A Jones (Harlequins); R Jones (Neath Colts) L Davies (Swansea), G Jones (Bridgend), D James (Cornelly); A Thomas (Trebanmws), K Mably (Bridgend); L Manning (Bridgend), J Power (Rhigos), D Morris (Neath), C Quinnell (Llanelli), S Ford (Carmarthen), C Stephens (Maesteg), M Codd (Llanelli), D Davies (Cardiff).
Referee: G Bordenave (France).

Searles seek to expand brotherhood for blue riband event

Andrew Longmore sees Great Britain's Olympic rowing squad begin to take shape in Belgium

Matt and Steve were invincible, Jonny and Greg had other things on their minds. Tricky was a little disappointed, Ben and Pete knew they could have done better and Gavin, old stager that he is, took defeat with the philosophical smile of a man who knows that he will be written back into the script before summer is out.

British rowing is a little like a soap opera, full of character, intrigue, friendship and friction with a thousand plot-lines shoehorned into every episode. This last weekend was the omnibus edition, the national trials held at the Hazewinkel rowing centre in Belgium. But, apart from some steering worthy of drunks in a dodgem by the novice pair, Tricky (Richard Manners) and Jim (James Cracknell), which caused half-hearted protest from the Cambridge coach on the second day, all was relatively peaceful. For once, no perceived wrong could be carried away and nurtured in the hothouse to bloom as full-scale prejudice in high summer. Justice was seen to be done, which was a tribute to the megaphone diplomacy of David Tanner, the regatta director.

But what emerged from three days of ferocious competition between 15 pairs was the nucleus of an Olympic squad, a ranking order upon which coaches and athletes can rely for support or proof throughout the summer and some new names which could come more clearly into focus when the hunt for our potential gold medal-winners begins in the spring of 1996.

Rowing has a reputation to maintain over the next two years and the presence of two gold-medal crews, Steve Regrave and Matthew Pinsent and Jonny and Greg Searle, lent a piquancy and the stamp of authority to an otherwise tense, introverted occasion.

Their first meeting, though, since Olympic year — when the Searles won — proved a no-contest. Redgrave and Pinsent won comfortably, effectively securing their place as the coxless pair in the team for Atlanta, as the Searles, in probably their last competitive outing together, trailed in last of the six crews in yesterday's final. The spark of inspiration that marked their gold in Barcelona was as elusive as calm water.

Spring has rarely been their best time of year and their thoughts are now turning to the ultimate challenge in British rowing, the formation of an eight to win the blue riband event in Atlanta. After four years on the water together, they want company.

"Rowing in a pair doesn't seem to be as much fun any more. In 1992, we wanted to prove things to each other as well as to everyone else. We don't have to prove a point any more," Greg Searle said.

By common consent, if anybody in Britain can become the catalyst for a crack British Olympic eight, one of the most elusive teams in sport to form, it is the Searles, who thrive when confronted by tradition and overwhelming odds. "We like being underdogs and once you've won Olympic gold, it's hard to be an underdog again. Forming an eight would be the ideal next step for us and I think we have enough good rowers to get a gold," Jonny explained.

The Searles will probably get their wish this summer together with another of rowing's more outspoken characters, Martin Cross, public school teacher and potential Labour councillor, who still feels he has some life left in him at 36. Cracknell and Manners will add the enthusiasm of youth, while the two pairs who finished directly behind Redgrave and Pinsent yesterday — Ben Hunt-Davis/Pete Bridge and Tim Foster/Rupert Obholzer — will probably amalgamate to form a coxless four, initially for the world championships this autumn and, if successful, on into next summer.

Foster and Obholzer, in particular, enjoyed an encouraging weekend, pushing Redgrave and Pinsent all the way in the final.

Next week, Foster takes his final exams in economics at the University of London, a salutary reminder that only the Redgraves and Pinsents of this world have found enough backing to train full-time. Despite its success, rowing is still short of cash. Many of the younger rowers, like Manners, rely on grants from the Foundation for the Sports and the Arts to keep their bank managers at bay.

Gavin Stewart, a regulator with the Bank of England and long-standing international, does not have that problem, but he had a wretched weekend and will have to wait to see if he can win a place in the eight later this summer. "I would love to be part of a British eight because that would have the biggest impact of all." he said.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S RACING

Newbury

Going: good to soft

2.00 (1m 3f 5yd) 1, Broadway Flyer (M Hills, 15-2) 2, Wishing (2-1 fav), 3, News And Echo (14-1) 6 ran. 10l, 3/4l J Hills Tote £11.40: £3.20, £1.60 DF £5.60. CSF £21.69.

2.30 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, Right Win (Pat Eddery, 15-2) 2, Persian Brave (9-2), 3, Bobzao (14-1) Captain Horatius 4-1 fav 10 ran. ¾l, Sl, R Hannon Tote £8.00: £2.40, £1.90, £5.70 DF: £28.50. Trio £139.20. CSF: £37.41

3.00 (7f) 1, Turtle Island (J Reid, 2-1 fav; Richard Evans's nap), 2, Luhuk (16-1), 3, Cool Jazz (25-1) 8 ran NR Redoubtable. 6l, hd P Chapple-Hyam. Tote £2.50; £1.30, £4.10. £3.10 DF £47.70 Trio £105.20. CSF £27.19

3.30 (1m 7yd) 1, Missed Flight (G Duffield, 6-1) 2, Just You Dare (9-2 fav), 3, Beauchamp Hero (12-1) 4, Philidor (9-1), 18 ran. 2½l, 2½l C Wall Tote £6.60, £2.50, £1.60, £4.30, £3.60 DF: £13.50. CSF: £32.19 Tricast £300.53. Trio: £276.90

4.00 (1m) 1, Close Conflict (J Reid, 8-11 fav), 2, Strategic Choice (4-1), 3, Summit (14-1) 15 ran 1½l, 4l, P Chapple-Hyam. Tote £1.70, £1.10, £1.70, £3.30 DF: £3.30. CSF £4.54

4.30 (5f 34yd) 1, Golden Dancehill (W Carson, 7-4 fav), 2, Rubylee (15-2), 3, Rose Chime (9-4) 6 ran. NR: Skilled Corner. 3½l, 3l P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £1.90, £1.40, £3.10 DF: £9.10 CSF: £13.18.

5.00 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, Muwalik (W Carson, 3-1 fav), 2, Phil's Time (14-1), 3, All In The Mind (4-1) 10 ran 3l, 7l, J Dunlop Tote: £4.10, £1.70, £2.30, £1.60. DF: £29.50 Trio: £31.40 CSF: £40.62 Tricast: £158.41.

Jackpot: £23,136.90. Placepot: £57.20.

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2.25 1, Cromarty (9-1); 2, Bend Sable (6-1); 3, Rushy Reel (8-1) Chiappuco, Daring Past 5 ran. 10l, nk.

2.55 1, See More Indians (7-2); 2, Gallateen (8-11, 3, Rouyan (25-1) Bayden Star 8-11 fav 5 ran.

3.25 1, Corrouge (4-1); 2, Alours (16-1); 3, Court Master (66-1) High Baron 11-8 fav. 7 ran

4.05 1, Earth Summit (16-1), 2, Bishops Island (7-1 jt-fav); 3, Superior Finish (7-1 jt-fav), 4, Riverside Boy (14-1). Shraden Leader 7 jt-fav 22 ran. NR: Cymare.

4.40 1, Marionnick (Evens fav); 2, Dumam Sunset (100-30), 3, Yorkshire Gale (6-1). 9 ran

5.10 1, Outset (5-2 fav); 2, Scarf (13-2), 3, Brave Highlander (3-1). 6 ran.

5.45 1, Call Equinsame (7-4 fav), 2, Sparky Gayle (33-1), 3, Dessington Dene (5-1). 19 ran NR Ben Cruachan

6.15 1, Naughty Future (6-4 fav); 2, Into The West (33-1); 3, Dukes Meadow (14-1) 20 ran.

Bangor

2.10 1, Peacaman (5-6 fav), 2, Phergold (11-1), 3, Country Lad (9-4). 10 ran.

2.40 1, Runny Beby (15-2), 2, Couture Stockings (9-1), 3, Linkside (9-2 fav). 14 ran. NR: Happy Horse, Miss Capulet.

3.10 1, Bucks Surprise (12-1), 2, The Carrot Man (12-1), 3, Conaver (5-2 fav). 15 ran.

3.45 1, Sunny Mount (11-4); 2, Fifth Amendment (5-1), 3, The Maksoma (6-1). Castebrese 11-8 fav. 7 ran NR: Centre Attraction.

4.15 1, Tusky (7-2), 2, Take The Buckskin (7-2), 3, Zajira (3-1 fav). 11 ran

4.45 1, Brachwell (50-1), 2, Keep Talking (14-1), 3, Rite Range (9-1) Kalanisi 11-4 fav. 13 ran.

5.15 1, Test Match (3-1); 2, Fez On The Run (6-4 fav); 3, Jurassic Classic (33-1). 10 ran

Stratford

2.25 1, Talbot (7-4 fav), 2, Forest Feather (100-30); 3, Top Brass (3-1). 14 ran. NR: Crymlyn Swing, Devil's Sting, Ragamuffin Romeo

2.55 1, Glenshane Lad (10-1); 2, Mr Man (100-30), 3, Bollinger (7-1). Colenny Boy 3 fav. 14 ran. NR: Billy Parson, Hill Tax.

3.25 1, Royal Print (10-1), 2, Fatack (4-1), 3, Isalah (11-4 jt-fav) Nocatchem 11-4 jt-fav 10 ran

3.55 1, Midfielder (7-2 fav), 2, Love Anew (20-1), 3, Smartie Express (13-2). 11 ran

4.25 1, Amari King (5-4 fav), 2, Parson's Cross (33-1); 3, Starry Meadow (16-1). 13 ran. NR: Just Silver.

4.55 1, Teen Jay (8-2); 2, Almgreyar (4-1 fav), 3, Mhemeanies (9-1); 4, Scarba (7-1). 16 ran. NR: Richu.

5.25 1, Midnight Caller (9-1); 2, Fortunes Course (7-1); 3, Empire Blue (100-30). Fed On Oats 11-4 fav 16 ran. NR: Jean Brodie.

Thirsk

2.15 1, Seigneurial (4-1); 2, Poly Laureon (5-1); 3, New Heights (5-2) Satisfied Prince 5-4 fav. 5 ran.

2.50 1, Lord Olivier (7-1); 2, Promise Fulfilled (5-1); 3, Palacegate Jack (9-4). Wazan 7-4 fav. 6 ran.

3.20 1, Just Happy (4-7 fav), 2, Randonneur (14-1); 3, Nadlek (5-1). 5 ran.

3.50 1, Wayne County (5-1); 2, Bold Pursuit (20-1); 3, Bures (14-1). Guards Brigade 3 fav. 12 ran.

4.20 1, Devotee (9-1); 2, Gobernacled (13-8 fav), 3, Bird Of Time (9-2). 9 ran.

4.50 1, Sir Tasker (10-1), 2, Saddlehome (4-1 fav); 3, Never In The Red (5-1); 4, Calamanco (14-1). 17 ran. NR: Sondersa, The Institute Boy

5.20 1, Arak (10-1); 2, Sharp Prospect (16-1), 3, Torc Mountain (33-1); 4, Willshe Gen (25-1). Field Of Stars 3 fav. 18 ran.

Wolverhampton

7.00 1, Lyphard's Fable (Evens fav); 2, Come On Dancer (9-1), 3, Black Dead (10-1). 7 ran.

7.30 1, Out Of Favour (8-13 fav), 2, Alpine Johnny (9-2); 3, Hill Farm Dancer (33-1). 8 ran. NR: Bet A Plan.

8.00 1, Argyle Cavalier (5-1); 2, Mr Bean (15-2); 3, Rousitto (5-2 fav) 12 ran

8.30 1, Mahpol (5-2 fav), 2, Silky Sean (5-1); 3, Eastleigh (14-1). 11 ran

9.00 1, Sea Devil (7-2), 2, Simmie's Special (6-4 fav); 3, Samson-Agonistes (8-1) 12 ran.

9.30 1, Abelard (6-1), 2, Master Beveled (13-8 fav), 3, Gallop To Glory (14-1). 13 ran.

SUNKERED FIRST TIME: Brighton: 4.00 Alice's Mirror, Early Gold. 4.30 Only A Song. Edinburgh: 4.50 Passion Sunday. Nottingham: 3.10 Local Heroine.

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Runs	Wins	Level stakes
M Johnston	29	16	19	1	1	+37.46
J Berry	23	11	15	2		-16.51
Mrs M Reveley	19	11	10	1		-6.00
Lord Huntingdon	16	10	8	10		-3.45
M Channon	16	12	9	3	+1	+23.98
R Hollinshead	14	35	18	1		-94.75
R Hannon	12	12	13	1		-13.86
T Barron	10	8	5	12		+2.00
D Chapman	10	6	4	22		+21.02

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Leading rides	Level stakes
L Dettori	63	66	41	0	-49.27
J Weaver	47	27	33	0	+45.02
K Darley	25	17	13	1	0.77
T Quinn	22	17	23	13	-33.14
Paul Eddery	19	15	20	15	-23.54
M Hills	17	11	5	4	+40.10
Pat Eddery	14	14	7	2	+6.01
W Carson	12	9	3	0	-0.06
D Biggs	12	8	14	3	-27.14

Strong Bond books Towcester return

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

STRONG Bond, the winner of the Times Restricted Series final at Towcester in 1991, booked a return to the course by winning the Land Rover qualifier at the Portman point-to-point on Saturday.

He made his seasonal debut at Kingweston on the previous Saturday, running second to Celtic Leisure in the open, and may have been rather fortunate not to have occupied the same place again as Perry Well, ridden by Tom Lacey, was looking likely to deliver a threatening challenge when he fell at the second-last fence.

Strong Bond, who, according to his owner, Meg Cooke, will now be put away until the Towcester final on May 9, gave Nick Mitchell the first leg of a treble, completed on Mic-Mac Express in the confined and Graminie in a division of the maiden.

Polly Curling advanced to 29 winners for the season after a double on Clandon Jack and Rural Outfit at the Axe Vale, but her day was ruined when Too Handy, in the lead at the time and looking certain to win, broke a leg and had to be destroyed. She subsequently took a bruising fall from Aces Wild in a division of the maiden. Rural Outfit, her winner in the ladies, extended his lead for the national title of Young Horse of the Year but was subsequently found to be lame.

Ron Treloggen also completed a double with Hanakham and Woman Of The Road, a distinct change to his misfortune of a week earlier when he parted company with Double Silk in the Grand National at Aintree.

Peter Craggs crept to within two of his century at the Braes Of Derwent when winning on Worthy Mark, but it was Kevin Anderson who took the riding honours. A double increased his score to 15, which is believed to be the highest total in one season on the northern circuit.

Entries are mixed for the Citroen National Point-to-Point Festival at Garthorpe on Wednesday week. They range from 13 for The Times-sponsored ladies' open championship to 46 for the veterans race. Overall, 170 entries have been received for the six races. The Quorn meeting, which was scheduled for the same course, was postponed on Saturday and has been rearranged for June 4.

AXE VALE HARRIERS (Stafford Cross): Hunt: 1, Micro'lighter (Mrs L Glanville, 4-7 fav); 2, Silver Zip; only 2 finished. 3 ran. Confined I: 1, Clandon Jack (Miss P Curling, 4-6 fav); 2, Just As Hopeful; 3, Badgar. 11 ran. Confined II: 1, Middleton Tiny (I Widdicombe, 16-1); 2, Skipping Gale; 3, Columbqua. 10 ran. Open: 1, Ryming Cupid (R White, 8-4); 2, Brief Encounter; 3, Beyford Energy. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Rural Outfit (Miss P Curling, 1-7 fav); 2, Zagazig; 3, Permanently Pink. 7 ran. Rest I: 1, Hanakham (R Treloggen, 5-4 fav); 2, Bridge Express; 3, Roving Rebel. 17 ran. Rest II: 1, Kilmacthomas (J Spraiks, 6-1); 2, Dubb; 3, Mandeley Miss. 13 ran. Open Mdn (Div I, part I): 1, Space Camp (T Dreyer, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Wot Pat; 3, Shrimbelle. 13 ran. Open Mdn (Div I, part II): 1, Woman Of The Road (R Treloggen, 5-2); 2, Hera's Mary; 3, Tregalla. 11 ran. Open Mdn (Div II, part I): 1, Tomalley (M Frith, 4-1); 2, Jolly Pier; 3, Newestarsky. 14 ran. Open Mdn (Div II, part II): 1, Redcastle (Miss S Cobden, 7-1); 2, Third Melody; 3, Grey Guestino. 13 ran.

BEDALE & WEST OF YORE (Hornby Castle): Confined: 1, Cromrest Point (N Wilson, 6-4 fav); 2, Pridaux Prince; 3, Convincing. 9 ran. Rest: 1, Tobin Bronze (R Tate, 4-1); 2, Hydroplic; 3, Mighty Miss. 18 ran. Ladies: 1, Magic Wng (Mrs J Brown, 4-5 fav); 2, Carole's Delight; 3, Across The Lake. 14 ran. Open: 1, Lingham Magic (S Swiers, 11-8 fav); 2, Nishkiria; 3, Shilgrove Place. 16 ran. Hunt: 1, Bishopric (R Abrahams, 10-1); 2, Prior Conviction; 3, Mail Time. 9 ran. Open Mdn (Div I): 1, Togra (N Smith, 9-4); 2, Kellys Diamond; 3, Nelle Belle. 17 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Unlucky For Some (C Wilson, 14-1); 2, Wentbridge; 3, Another Birthday. 13 ran. Open Mdn III: 1, Deuce Indienne (N Brown, 4-1); 2, Trimbush; 3, Canny's Character. 16 ran.

BRAES OF DERWENT (Tranwell): Hunt: 1, Lady Loch (S Stonehouse, 2-5 fav); 2, Galloway Breeze; 3, Lochar Brig. 6 ran. Confined: 1, No Joker (A Parker, 3-1); 2, Dairy Princess; 3, Carly Brin. 12 ran. Open: 1, Tartan Trademark (K Anderson, 6-4 fav); 2, King Spring; 3, Bick Benedict. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Linn Falls (Mrs V Jackson, 6-4 fav); 2, Hallcatmuchwestlar; 3, Flypbi. 13 ran. Rest (Div I): 1, Worthy Spark (P Craggs, 10-1); 2, Baby Betty; 3, Fairness Hay. 14 ran. Rest (Div II): 1, Possadonia (Miss J Parcy, 4-1); 2, Arcanas; 3, Serona Smith. 13 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Bedale Man (J Walton, 4-1); 2, Wudimp; 3, Kavinafine. 12 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Stone Row (K Anderson, Evens fav); 2, Nowbrang; 3, Say Charlie. 12 ran.

ESSEX & SUFFOLK (Higham): Hunt: 1, Rhu Na Haven (Mrs F Herbert, 8-1); 2, Corn Kingdom; 3, Master Treasure. 5 ran. Rest I: 1, Dilongi (S Marsh, 11-4); 2, Ravens Hasey Moon; 3, Aldington Baron. 17 ran. Rest II: 1, North Barrister (P Harding-Jones, 16-1); 2, Gleson's Cove; 3, Over Sixr. 15 ran. Open: 1, Dromin Leader (P Harding-Jones, 7-2); 2, Melton Park; 3, Oh Why. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Royal Approval (Miss D Stanhope, 7-2); 2, Shedid; 3, Fort Hall. 11 ran. Confined: 1, Foxy Games (R Gill, 5-1); 2, Mr Gossip; 3, Welkers Hill. 12 ran. Open Mdn (Div I, part I): 1, Rolleston Blade (J Best, 5-2); 2, Montmezzo; 3, Sunset Run. 18 ran. Open Mdn (Div I, part II): 1, Black Arrow (D O'Brien, 5-1); 2, Prince Engelbert; 3, Easy Life. 11 ran. Open Mdn (Div II, part I): 1, Pyrne And Run (N King, 5-2); 2, Deep Chance; 3, Crazy Daze. 9 ran. Open Mdn (Div II, part II): 1, Netherlara (J Best, 3-1); 2, High Plateau; 3, Will. 8 ran.

HOLCOMBE HARRIERS (Whittington): Hunt: 1, Snapdi (D McCain, 5-1); 2, Raisabillion; 3, Another William. 5 ran. Intermediates: 1, The Right Guy (A Gribben, 12-1); 2, Jack Dwyer; 3, Kemsing. 11 ran. Confined: 1, Melsonby (Miss J Priest, 12-1); 2, Mr Snell; 3, Three Potato Four. 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Simply Perfect (Miss K Swindale, 12-1); 2, Cliffside; 3, Renard Quay. 7 ran. Open: 1, The Artful Rascal (C Barlow, 2-1); 2, Bodlist; 3, Nenni. 10 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Ah Jim Lad (M Williamson, 4-1); 2, Rinky Dinky Doo; 3, Eastlands Monkey. 15 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Freshmans Essay (D Quigley, 33-1); 2, Portal Lass; 3, Scotsmanofthat. 13 ran.

LLANGIBBY (Howick): Hunt: 1, Trumpet Player (C Richards, 7-4 fav); 2, Hillgate Lady; 3, Stone Forest. 8 ran. Rest: 1, La Mezenny (P Hamer, 5-1); 2, Swede Fudge; 3, Angelica. 18 ran. Confined: 1, Taurean Tycoon (J Price, 4-1); 2, Cwmythsphillander; 3, Glasgoram's Best. 13 ran. Open: 1, Up The Ladder (A Wintle, 7-1); 2, Timber Toot; 3, Bem Pool. 13 ran. Ladies: 1, Conwmara Dawn (Miss P Gundry, 2-1); 2, Matsic; 3, Beau Rose. 11 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Tricky Dee (J Tudor, 5-2 fav); 2, Reply; 3, Golden Film. 18 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Fairfield's Breeze (Dr P Pritchard, Evens fav); 2, Fleetridge; 3, Miss Cofrinhlan. 12 ran.

LUDLOW (Bitterley): Hunt: 1, The Glazier (M Wellings, 15-1); 2, Churchill Star; 3, Dapping. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Fence Judge (R Burton, 3-1 fav); 2, Howeryeaun; 3, Couesa Tights. 17 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Chipn'Run (J Correia, 5-1); 2, John's Blindday; 3, Glen Oak. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Dear Fencer (Mrs N Sheppard, 3-1); 2, Mister Gebo; 3, Angel Fare. 12 ran. Intermediates: 1, Lover Ball (Miss A Dare, 4-6 fav); 2, Celtic Abbey; 3, Kilbragh Dreamer. 20 ran. Open Mdn (Div I, part I): 1, Plex (Miss J Fellows, 4-1); 2, Florencebray; 3, Spartan Juliet. 13 ran. Open Mdn (Div I, part II): 1, Melvernian (M Rimell, 2-1 fav); 2, Newest Model; 3, Bally Mulre. 13 ran. Open Mdn (Div II, part I): 1, Gilsterbird (T Jackson, 2-1); 2, Spartan Peter; 3, Arctic Quest. 15 ran. Open Mdn (Div II, part II): 1, Flingy Truth (M Harris, 5-1); 2, Dusky Day; 3, Campden Pride. 16 ran.

PORTMAN (Badbury Rings): Rest I: 1, Idiotic (C Vigors, 5-1); 2, Celtic Spark; 3, Diamond Valley. 11 ran. Rest II: 1, Sunley Street (Miss S Vickery, 3-1); 2, Familer Friend; 3, Balmy Breeze. 14 ran. Hunt: 1, Winnie, Lorraine (M Miller, 4-7 fav); 2, Columella; 3, Hasty Salvo. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Special (Miss M Hill, 4-9 fav); 2, Aristos; 3, Dewstone Wanderer. 7 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Strong Bond (N Mitchell, 4-1); 2, Darrian Pit; 3, Tibbs. 14 ran. Confined: 1, Mic-Mac Express (N Mitchell, 4-6 fav); 2, Temple Meg; 3, Duncave. 11 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Emily's Niece (T Woodrige, 33-1); 2, Around And About; 3, Dandy's Delight. 15 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Graminie (N Mitchell, 7-4 fav); 2, Bobola Express; 3, Young Outlaw. 9 ran. Open Mdn III: 1, Kandy's Swan (R Legg, 2-1 fav); 2, Paul's Brother; 3, Trim The Web. 12 ran. Intermediate: 1, Causeway Cruiser (J Trice-Rolph, 4-6 fav); 2, Fishing Season; 3, Rarely At Odds. 4 ran.

WESTERN FOXHOUNDS (Waddrington): Confined: 1, My Main Man (J Dullcty, 4-7 fav); 2, Just My Bill; 3, Current Attraction. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Whats Your Game (Mrs C Wonnacott, 7-2); 2, Roving Glen; 3, Bold Accord. 6 ran. Open: 1, Wheal Prosper (R Cole, 6-4); 2, Olveston; 3, Just A Memory. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Buckingham Band (Mr G Turner, 2-1); 2, Rodeo Season; 3, Ride The Wind. 8 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Clobrachan Lad (Miss L Bradford, 4-6 fav); 2, Fer Run; 3, Zany Girl. 7 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Tarka Country (D Jones, 2-1 fav); 2, Monchique Milly; 3, Oh Be Joyful. 7 ran. Hunt: 1, Dark Reflection (D Curnow, 1-10 fav); 2, Comish Gwinn; only 2 finished. 2 ran.

WEST KENT (Penshurst): Hunt: 1, Three Seasons (F French, 5-4 fav); 2, Prince Ronan; 3, Tom Tucker. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Cresswa Nephew (D Parker, 3-1); 2, Pea Sal; 3, Rusty Reek. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Quotified (Mrs E Bosscawen, 2-5 fav); 2, Green Tops; only 2 finished. 4 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Non So Game (Miss J Grant, 3-1); 2, Motor Classic; 3, Mister Mistral. 6 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Gunner Jim (P Hacking, Evens fav); finished alone. 7 ran.

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Turtle Island becomes the favourite for the 2,000 Guineas as he strides clear in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday

Turtle Island states classic case

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

IF TURTLE Island, the runaway winner of the Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday, was trained by the legendary Vincent O'Brien he would now be 6-4 for the Madagans 2,000 Guineas. That is the view of Robert Sangster, owner and breeder of the new favourite for the colts' classic, who only a week earlier at Aintree backed his horse at 33-1 and 40-1.

After Saturday's eight-length success in the most informative of the week's Guineas trials, Ladbrokes promoted the Fairy King colt to 6-1 but, under heavy pressure from backers, were quickly forced to revise their odds to 4-1.

William Hill fared little better. Having been "happy to lay the horse" at 9-2 on Saturday, according to David Hood, their spokesman, they buckled and went 7-2 yesterday. Nevertheless, the advice of Sangster is to take out the proverbial mortgage and pile on.

"I would have to say Turtle Island is a cracking bet for the Guineas on all known form. He will stay a mile, no worries. In the old days, if he had been trained by Vincent O'Brien he would be a 6-4 shot. Because he is trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam he is a terrific bet at 3-1 or 4-1," Sangster said.

The Manton camp, who sent out five winners at the two-day Newbury meeting, was confident of success after Colonel Collins had only just failed to peg back King's Theatre in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket on Thursday. "The Turtle", as he is known at home, regularly works two to three lengths better than "The Colonel".

Even so, the style of the success as he strode away from his eight rivals 1½ furlongs out was majestic. Although it is possible to pick holes in the form — Luhuk and Cool Jazz followed him through from the back of the field after a moderate early gallop and some horses clearly did not reproduce their best form, notably Owington, who was two lengths in front of Turtle Island in the Middle Park Stakes — they cannot have all been below par.

Nap: NEW CAPRICORN
(3.00 Brighton)
Next best: Canzonet
(3.50 Edinburgh)

The only reservation Sangster and Chapple-Hyam will have as the next dozen days tick by will be the weather. Turtle Island loves cut in the ground, as he showed at Newbury, and would not want firm going at Newmarket. The Rowley Mile course dries out quickly but given the abundance of rain this spring it is highly unlikely there will be jar in the ground by Saturday week.

Meanwhile, Saturday's success is ample proof of the merit of two-year-olds being campaigned on the racecourse rather than being confined to their stables. Turtle Island made his debut at the Greenham meeting a year ago and ran seven times as a juvenile.

Close Conflict was one of the few top two-year-olds at Manton who failed to make the track last year but his reputation, based on galloping not far behind the best of Chapple-Hyam's string, saw him sent off an 11-8 on chance for the informative Newbury Park Home Show Maiden Stakes. He beat Paul Cole's highly-rated Strategic Choice despite tiring in the sticky ground and looks certain to progress into a useful middle-distance runner this summer.

"He has been doing his work with The Turtle and The Colonel. I think he is a good horse," said Chapple-Hyam, who was winning the race for the third consecutive year.

Richard Hannon does not miss a trick when it comes to getting the best out of horses but the champion trainer has excelled himself with Right Win, who again showed good acceleration to quicken past the race-fit Persian Brave and win the Lanes End John Porter Stakes.

Sangster reaps reward of Manton investment

An hour or so after the Greenham Stakes, and with the impact of Turtle Island's stunning success sinking in, Robert Sangster was extolling the virtues of the horse and his gifted young trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, who selected the first-rate back-up team at Manton.

He paused and reflected quietly. "I am the luckiest man in the world. After trouble, trouble, trouble, he has come up with the goods," he said, shaking his head in disbelief. Sangster can hardly believe his good fortune. It is only ten years since he was being outbid in the Keeneland Sales ring by the Maktoum millions. Manton, the historic training complex bought in 1984, was in danger of becoming one of racing's most disastrous white elephants.

After investing, at a conservative estimate, £10 million, only four winners were forthcoming from the yard in 1986. No sooner had Michael Dickinson departed, to be replaced by Barry Hills, than the recession contributed to him considering selling up or splitting the estate into five training yards.

Now Sangster can do no wrong. As he casts his eye over the likely field for the Madagans 2,000 Guineas there is King's Theatre, winner of the Craven Stakes, who was sired by Sadler's Wells, Europe's leading stallion, in whom he has a major shareholding. Colonel Collins, second to the Newmarket winner, is owned and bred by Sangster, along with "The Turtle". Third placed Suplizi was also bred within the Sangster empire.

Add to that State Performer and Balanchine, whom he sold last year to his best client, Shaikh Mohammed. They are due to return from Dubai for the Guineas meeting.

RICHARD EVANS



Racing commentary

Meanwhile, at Newbury on Friday, a Sangster-owned two-year-old, sired by a stallion standing for just $1,500 in Kentucky, won his first race by an astonishing 15 lengths.

The reasons for the dramatic change in fortunes are many and varied. Being forced to breed his horses rather than buy expensive yearlings has proved to be a blessing in disguise; Chapple-Hyam is the most talented trainer of his generation; and the value of the flourishing business relationship Sangster has forged with Sheikh Mohammed should not be underestimated.

However, an element often overlooked is Manton itself, from where trainers such as Alec Taylor, Joe Lawson and George Todd sent out more than their share of classic winners earlier this century and last. When Dickinson moved in a decade ago he completed the foundations on which the present success is built.

Five hundred of the 2,300 acres include 11 separate gallops. There are two all-weather gallops, a semi-automatic irrigation system, covered rides, a yearling yard and American-style barn; some 30,000 trees were planted. To have such facilities and be able to train amid the tranquility offered by Manton, compared with the crowded gallops and hectic atmosphere of Newmarket, has to be a vital advantage.

Sangster is now reaping the benefits of buying Manton for a price, equivalent ten years ago, to a decent yearling at the Keeneland sales. Few would begrudge him his continuing success. He is one of the few remaining players in racing whose enthusiasm is infectious. If he is the luckiest man in the world, he has done much to deserve it.

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THUNDERER
2.10 Captain Carat
2.40 Aughfad
3.10 No Quarter Given
3.40 Kassab
4.10 Violet Crown
4.40 Tulu
5.10 Elaine Tully

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 Foreshore.
4.10 VIOLET CROWN (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN STRAIGHT) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 ABOYEUR SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,070: 6f 15yd) (14 runners)

1 (12) BROOKLYN ROCK (Dr T Molony) J Wharton 8-11 Paul Eddery –
2 (11) 620-363 CAPTAIN CARAT 73 (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 M Roberts ■
3 (8) 0-0 DAVID BLUE 7 (Ms M Hoxan) J White 8-11 P McCormick (7) –
4 (9) 50-3450 FLOATING TRIAL 3 (B,D,G) (I Glenton) D Nicholls 8-11 Alex Greaves 86
5 (3) 5113-5 GIPSY KID 16 (B,D,F,G) (Miss J Crowley) Miss G Kelleway 8-11 Stephen Davies (3) 99
6 (14) 005 MAYS FANCY 46 (P Rowbotham) A Jarvis 8-11 M Hills 77
7 (10) 645-60 NEEDWOOD CUBE 14 (Mrs C Thomas) B Preece 8-11 S Perks 78
8 (7) 460-60 CIZARGA 23 (Mrs J Pickering) J Pickering 8-6 W Newnes 77
9 (5) 3555-23 DAME PROSPECT 84 (Claremont Management Services) J Glover 8-6 S D Williams 90
10 (4) 63 DORIS DOORS 18 (Lord Crawshaw) Lord Huntingdon 8-6 D Harrison 95
11 (2) 0-0 FUN'N'FORTUNE 10 (M Paver) M Brittain 8-6 A Munro –
12 (13) 646- NATURAL PATH 227 (K Styles) M McCormack 8-6 J Reid 93
13 (6) 005 NOT FOR SALE 59 (Mrs W Wharton) J Wharton 8-6 R Cochrane 81
14 (1) RUBY PLUS (Mrs D Morris) J A Harris 8-6 C Dwyer –

BETTING: 5-2 Captain Carat, 7-2 Doris Doors, 5-1 Natural Path, 6-1 Gipsy Kid, 8-1 Dame Prospect, 10-1 others.

1993: DAILYSPORTDUTCH 8-6 N Carlisle (7-1) Miss G Kelleway 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAPTAIN CARAT 3¼l 2nd of 6 to Maz in handicap at Southwell (AW, 7f). FLOATING TRIAL 4¾l 5th of 12 to Indian Dreamer in conditions race at Catterick (5f, good). GIPSY KID beat Bessie's Will 3l in 11-runner claimer at Folkestone (6f, good) last September. NEEDWOOD CUBE 8l 5th of 13 to Abbots Daughter in claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 1f 79yd), with FLOATING TRIAL (1lb worse off) ½l 7th. DAME PROSPECT 2l 3rd of 5 to Magic Junction in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m). DORIS DOORS 1l and short head 3rd of 13 to Admirals Flame in seller at Leicester (6f, soft).
Selection: CAPTAIN CARAT

2.40 ROBERT PRETTIE HANDICAP (£3,699: 6f 15yd) (14 runners)

1 (11) 000036- PANKIN 165 (D,F,S) (P Lambert) J Wharton 8-10-0 R Cochrane 97
2 (12) 00-0400 AUGHFAD 63 (V,CD,F,G,S) (M MacCarthy) Mrs M McCourt 8-9-13 J Reid 97
3 (8) 02030/0 NORDIC BRAVE 13 (D,F,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-9-6 A Munro –
4 (1) 6010- ZANZARA 200 (D,G) (Skyline Racing Ltd) A Foster 3-9-4 J Fortune 89
5 (6) 13346-4 HIGHBORN 14 (D,G) (Yorkshire Racing Club 1990) P Felgate 5-9-3 G Hind ■
6 (8) 2/34-2 FORESHORE 11 (B Farr) A Stewart 4-9-2 M Roberts 96
7 (14) 43452-0 HARRY'S COMING 14 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 10-8-13 S Drowne (5) 87
8 (2) 0-00000 HEATHYARDS GEM 34 (D,G) (Mrs B Morgan) R Hollinshead 4-8-7 W Ryan 80
9 (3) 00000-1 SYLVANIA 14 (CD,S) (G Mitchell) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-6 Stephen Davies (3) 98
10 (13) 21/50-32 BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY 4 (D,BF,G) (Mrs J Hunt) S Bowring 4-8-5 S D Williams 96
11 (7) 050-0 SHAYNES DOMAIN 11 (Mrs P Garner) G L Moore 3-8-3 Paul Eddery 87
12 (4) 006/04-0 JOHN O'DREAMS 14 (S) (P Brazier) Mrs A King 9-7-12 A Garth (5) 92
13 (5) 00-0000 TOSHIBA COMET 26 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mike Clynes Ltd) Pat Mitchell 7-7-9 G Bardwell –
14 (10) 0500- SCREWBALL ANACONDA 182 (Summerdown Ltd) C James 3-7-7 C Hawksley (5) 82

Long handicap: Screwball Anaconda 7-2.

BETTING: 3-1 Foreshore, 9-2 Sylvania, 6-1 Harry's Coming, Highborn, 7-1 Broadstairs Beauty, 8-1 Aughfad, 10-1 Pankin, 12-1 Zanzara, Nordic Brave, 14-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

PANKIN 3l and head 3rd of 10 to Croft Valley in handicap at Redcar (7f, good to soft) last October. ZANZARA beat Frisky Miss 1l in 7-runner maiden at Ayr (6f, good to firm) last September. HIGHBORN 2l and neck 4th of 15 to Debsy Do in handicap at Southwell (AW, 6f). FORESHORE 3l 2nd of 10 to Domulla in handicap at Brighton (6f, good to soft), with SHAYNES DOMAIN (4lb worse off) 6¼l 8th. SYLVANIA beat First Gold 1¾l in 14-runner handicap over course and distance (soft), with BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY (6lb better off) 1l 3rd, HIGHBORN 1¾l 4th and HARRY'S COMING 15¾l 10th. BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY short head 2nd of 13 to Very Dicey in apprentices' handicap at Ripon (5f, good to soft).
Selection: BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY

3.10 GREENALLS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,243: 5f 13yd) (8 runners)

1 (7) 060-036 GREEN'S BID 4 (G) (D Chapman) D Chapman 4-9-10 W Carson ■
2 (4) 136000- WALK THE BEAT 172 (D,F,S) (Country Life Pines) R Simpson 4-9-10 A Tucker 90
3 (3) 2050-64 PLAIN FACT 16 (D,F,G,S) (C Wright) J Hills 9-9-6 Paul Eddery 98
4 (2) 50500-3 NO QUARTER GIVEN 11 (CD,BF,F,BT,S) (P Felgate) P Felgate 9-9-4 M Roberts 80
5 (8) 000- PINEAPPLE PRINCE 209 (Pineapple Co Ltd) R Hodges 4-9-4 S Drowne (5) –
6 (6) 0/60000- SEASIDE MINSTREL 207J (D,F,G) (W Clifford) D Williams 6-9-4 Aimee Cook (7) –
7 (1) 6500-60 LOCAL HEROINE 20 (B,D,F) (Mrs L Meylan) J Berry 4-8-13 B Carter 97
8 (5) PATACAKE (K Higson) G L Moore 3-8-4 Candy Morris –

BETTING: 5-2 No Quarter Given, 7-2 Local Heroine, 9-2 Plain Fact, 5-1 Green's Bid, 6-1 others.

1993: FOLLOWMEGIRLS 4-8-7 A Garth (25-1) Mrs A King 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREEN'S BID 2l 3rd of 9 to Very Dicey in claimer at Southwell (AW, 5f). WALK THE BEAT 6l 8th of 17 to Love Legend in handicap at Pontefract (5f, good to soft), with LOCAL HEROINE (4lb better off) 12l 16th. PLAIN FACT 8¾l last of 4 to Very Dicey in claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f). NO QUARTER GIVEN ¾l 3rd to Off The Air in seller at Leicester (5f, heavy). LOCAL HEROINE 5¼l 5th to Kalar in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 5f).
Selection: GREEN'S BID

3.40 YOUNGERS MICHELOZZO CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,271: 1m 6f 15yd) (6 runners)

1 (4) 211130- KASSAB 264 (D,F,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 4-9-6 W Carson 96
2 (3) 3/51212- DOVER PATROL 194 (D,G,S) (L Holliday) H Cecil 4-9-2 W Ryan 94
3 (5) 180- DORMY THREE 204 (G) (A Budgett) D Loder 4-8-12 D McCabe (5) –
4 (2) 45540-5 NOT IN DOUBT 23 (D,F) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 5-8-10 W Newnes 94
5 (6) 3/00- SWEET GLOW 19J (G) (L Hyman) M Pipe 7-8-10 M Roberts 79
6 (1) 463322- CUFF LINK 175 (Lord Weinstock) W Hern 4-8-6 J Reid ■

BETTING: 7-4 Kassab, 4-1 Dover Patrol, 5-1 Not In Doubt, 6-1 Dormy Three, 7-1 Cuff Link, 8-1 Sweet Glow.

1993: ALLEGAN 4-8-12 Pat Eddery (2-7 fav) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

KASSAB 4¼l 3rd of 8 to Inkasonic in 8-runner group II Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot (2m, soft) last June. DOVER PATROL beat Vratislav 3l in conditions race at Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft) last September. DORMY THREE beat Tournant ¾l in conditions race at Fontainebleau (1m 4f 110yd, good) last July. NOT IN DOUBT 11½l 5th of 7 to Persian Brave in conditions race at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). SWEET GLOW, top class staying hurdler, 5¾l 9th of 15 to Double Blash in handicap at Longchamp (1m 7f 110yd, firm) last June. CUFF LINK 6l 2nd of 11 to Purple Splash in maiden at Lingfield (1m 6f, good to soft) last October.
Selection: KASSAB (nap)

4.10 HIGHGROVE DEVELOPMENTS OH SO SHARP CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £4,151: 1m 1f 213yd) (5 runners)

1 (4) 21- BABY LOVES 186 (S) (S Niarchos) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 Paul Eddery 80
2 (1) 313-0 CLYDE GODDESS 16 (G) (C Humphris) J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson ■
3 (3) 215- MISS RINJANI 227 (G) (J Pearce) G Wragg 9-0 M Hills 82
4 (5) 1- VIOLET CROWN 209 (C,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 R Cochrane 98
5 (2) 540- LA RIVERAINE 201 (J Richmond-Watson) J Hills 8-7 R Hills 92

BETTING: 5-4 Violet Crown, 3-1 Baby Loves, 7-2 Clyde Goddess, 7-1 Miss Rinjani, 12-1 La Riveraine.

1993: DELVE 4-8-12 Pat Eddery (8-13 fav) J Dunlop 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

BABY LOVES beat Co Pilot short head in 8-runner maiden at Redcar (7f, soft) last October. CLYDE GODDESS neck and head 3rd of 11 to Bezzall in listed race at Newbury (7f 110y, good to soft) last October. MISS RINJANI 5l 5th of 7 to Dance To The Top in conditions race at Kempton (7f, good) last September. Previously beat Bonny Bride short head in maiden at Redcar (7f, good to soft). VIOLET CROWN beat Colgach 6l in 9-runner maiden at Nottingham (1m, soft) last September, with CLYDE GODDESS 2l 3rd. LA RIVERAINE 5¾l 13th of 30 to Fumo Di Londra in conditions race at Newmarket (7f, good to soft) last September.
Selection: VIOLET CROWN

4.40 HARCROS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES LADY AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£3,139: 1m 1f 213yd) (23 runners)

1 (18) 00F0-00 LYFORD CAY 24 (S) (D Gibbon) D Chapman 4-11-7 Miss R Clark (4) 90
2 (23) 02-5110 CHIEF OF STAFF 24 (F,G) (Exclusive Partnership) J Pearce 5-10-11 Mrs L Pearce 97
3 (17) 222230- MEANT TO BE 177 (Lady Mary Mumford) Lady Herries 4-10-11 Mrs M Cowdrey 82
4 (4) 164/360- LATIN LEADER 213 (F) (Elite Racing Club) C Egerton 4-10-11 Miss V Snowdon (7) 83
5 (1) 25404-2 ADMIRALS SECRET 14 (G) (Mrs C Wall) C Wall 5-10-6 Mrs C Wall (7) 84
6 (7) 434540- FONTANAYS 30J (D,S) Mrs M McCourt 5-10-6 Mrs C Dunwoody (7) –
7 (11) 234200- CHARLIE BIGTIME 254 (G) (R Dawson) Miss G Kelleway 4-10-3 Miss L Vollaro (7) 87
8 (8) 0105-60 IMPERIAL BID 13 (D,F,G) (Lord Durham) Denys Smith 6-10-3 Miss M Carson (7) 92
9 (9) 0/0000/ HUSO 14J (C,F,G) (G Cole) P Haslam 6-10-1 Mrs A Haslam (7) –
10 (5) 000-035 RIPSNORTER 49 (C,B,S) (P Purdy) B Forsey 5-9-10 Miss A Purdy (4) 92
11 (16) 020465- CLEAR LOOK 44J (C & S Beshear) Miss H Knight 4-9-9 Miss J Wright (7) 86
12 (6) 00-6260 SPICE AND SUGAR 25 (G) (A Blackburn) B Cambidge 4-9-7. Miss S Duckett (7) 97
13 (21) 30000-2 ALBERT 24 (D,F,G,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 7-9-6 Mrs D Arbuthnot 98
14 (15) 400-204 BARLEY CAKE 24 (D,F) (W Dobson) C Fairhurst 4-9-5 Mrs S Bosley (4) 88
15 (14) 080- SYLVIA MACUSHLA 203 (T Lyons II) A Jarvis 4-9-5 Miss L Eaton 87
16 (13) 150-002 NORTHERN CONQUEROR 7 (D,F,G) T Naughton 6-9-5 Mrs J Naughton (4) 91
17 (12) 305100- TIGER CLAW 195 (B,CD,F,G) B Hodges 8-9-4 Miss A Sanders (4) 87
18 (2) 6-00040 FLY TO THE END 34 (B) (Threeway Racing) J Norton 4-9-3 Mrs D McHale (4) 89
19 (20) 6003-1 TULU 14 (C,S) (M Houlston) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-3 Miss F Haynes (7) 91
20 (10) 540600- BURNING COST 121 (R Peacock) R Peacock 4-9-0 Mrs C Peacock (7) 88
21 (3) 60-0410 BREEZED WELL 24 (F,G) (Mrs H Noonan) B Cambidge 8-9-0 Mrs H Noonan (4) ■
22 (22) 1-00540 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 14J (D,G) K Wingrove 7-9-0 Miss Naomi Maxted (7) 97
23 (19) 600505- FOOLISH TOUCH 168 (C,F,G,S) W Musson 12-9-0 Mrs J Musson (4) 80

Long handicap: Breezed Well 8-11, Applianceofscience 8-10, Foolish Touch 8-8.

BETTING: 6-1 Tulu, 7-1 Admirals Secret, Chief Of Staff, 9-1 Albert, 10-1 Barley Cake, Breezed Well, Meant To Be, Northern Conqueror, 12-1 Huso, Ripsnorter, Tiger Claw, 14-1 Imperial Bid, 16-1 others.

1993 (professional jockeys): JAZILAH 5-8-0 W Ryan (7-2) Mrs M Reveley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHIEF OF STAFF beat One Off The Rail 3l in 10-runner amateurs' handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f). ADMIRAL'S SECRET 6l 2nd to Mytontaine in handicap at Warwick (1m 3f, heavy). ALBERT ¾l 2nd of 21 to Hazard A Guess in lady riders' handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 110yd, good), with BARLEY CAKE (1lb better off) 19¼l 4th, BREEZED WELL (6lb worse off) 18¾l 16th, LYFORD CAY (10lb better off) 3l 18th and CHIEF OF STAFF 1l (4lb worse off) 19th. TULU beat The Happy Loon 1¼l in handicap here (1m, soft). BREEZED WELL beat Bold Habit head in 13-runner amateurs' handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 79yd).
Selection: TULU

5.10 SUTER PLC HANDICAP (£3,524: 1m 6f 15yd) (13 runners)

1 (6) 00100-0 MOSHAAJIR 23 (G) (S Macdonald) C Smith 4-9-10 K Rutter (5) 94
2 (8) 240500- ELAINE TULLY 11J (B) (Mrs P Wilkes) P Hobbs 6-9-9 J Reid 93
3 (7) 010130- EIGHTANDAHALF 13J (D,F) (M Burrowes) G Oldroyd 5-9-2 S Webster 90
4 (2) 000288- PRIMO FIGLIO 6J (B,S) (Townville CC) Miss L Siddall 4-8-9 D Harrison 97
5 (9) 552430 ARCTIC GUEST 24 (D,F,G) (J Sterbuck) C Smith 4-8-4 Stephen Davies (3) 90
6 (5) 125108 MILNGAVIE 10 (F,G,S) (A Robertson) M Johnston 4-8-3 J Weaver 95
7 (11) 243204 ARC BRIGHT 19 (G) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 4-7-13 A Munro 97
8 (10) 320-326 FLYAWAY 14 (G) (M Marlow) R Emery 8-7-11 G Bardwell ■
9 (3) 11/50-00 VAIN PRINCE 10 (CD,F,G,S) (A Findlay) N Tinkler 7-7-11 Kim Tinkler 89
10 (12) 6100-00 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 13 (F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 7-7-8 A Tucker 95
11 (13) 0/0000-0 ROLLING THE BONES 10 (S) (M Hyman) P Felgate 5-7-7 N Kennedy (5) –
12 (4) /00-0 BALLAD RULER 100 (Woodlands Ltd) P Pritchard 8-7-7 A Garth (5) –
13 (1) /00000/ ROYAL CIRCUS 53J (P Hiatt) J O'Shea 5-7-7 E Johnson –

Long handicap: Rolling The Bones 7-2, Ballad Ruler 6-13, Royal Circus 6-6.

BETTING: 11-4 Milngavie, 7-2 Arc Bright, 4-1 Arctic Guest, 6-1 Elaine Tully, Primo Figlio, 12-1 Flyaway, 14-1 Eightandahalf, Moshaajir, 16-1 others.

1993: ASIAN PUNTER 4-8-8 N Varley (16-1) A Hide 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

MOSHAAJIR 32l last of 7 to Persian Brave in conditions race at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). EIGHTANDAHALF beat Mondragon 3½l in 11-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 6f, good to firm) last August. PRIMO FIGLIO neck and 2l 3rd of 20 to Eurythmic in claimer at Catterick (1m 4f, good to soft) last October. MILNGAVIE 9l 3rd of 15 to Wheeler's Wonder in 15-runner handicap at Beverley (2m, good to soft), with VAIN PRINCE (6lb better off) 19l 11th and ROLLING THE BONES (6lb worse off) 2l 13th. ARC BRIGHT best effort when neck 2nd of 5 to Ringlet in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 5f). FLYAWAY 1¼l 2nd of 13 to Matching Green in handicap at Warwick (1m 7f, soft), with MILNGAVIE (3lb better off) 33l 9th.
Selection: FLYAWAY

Manntari handed Curragh option

BY OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

MANNTARI is more likely to tackle the Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh next month than travel to Newmarket following his victory at Leopardstown on Saturday.

Reiterating his position on returning to British racing, Manntari's owner, the Aga Khan, said: "When I am satisfied that the procedures there meet my requirements, I will race again." The issues to be resolved with the Jockey Club are drug testing procedures and their analysis.

Manntari's win under John Murtagh, by 1½ lengths from Kly Green, was widely viewed as unimpressive, not least by the bookmakers, who have taken him out of the 2,000 Guineas betting. However, John Oxx, his trainer, has not been able to work Manntari as he would have liked because of bad weather and he gave the impression that the four weeks to the Irish 2,000 Guineas would be more helpful to Manntari than the fortnight to Newmarket.

"Manntari probably did not run up to his rating but still quickened well on sticky ground," Oxx said. "He will improve from the run, although he would need to if he is to figure in the placings in a classic."

Despite the reservations, it would be unwise to dismiss Manntari as a candidate for the top class. His victory at least proved he has trained on, and he had to make the running as his pacemaker, who was drawn on the outside, could not reach the front.

☐ Fadeyev was a comfortable winner of the group three Prix de Fontainebleau (1m) at Longchamp on Saturday but Lost World, last year's Grand Criterium winner, was withdrawn because of a heel abscess.

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER
2.00 Go Likecrazy. 2.30 Bello Gallico. 3.00 NEW CAPRICORN (nap). 3.30 Island Of Silver. 4.00 Elementary. 4.30 Mislemani. 5.00 Spender.
Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.00 SPENDER.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.00 Bright Paragon.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 SIDNEY THOMPSON MEMORIAL SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,422: 5f 59yd) (5 runners)

101 (3) FULL OF INNUENDO T Jones 8-11 R Perham –
102 (4) 41 GO LIKECRAZY 10 (D,S) K Ivory 8-11 C Scally (7) –
103 (2) SAXON HEIR M Usher 8-11 R Street –
104 (5) SON OF SNOWY W G M Turner 8-11 T Sprake –
105 (1) SIBERIAN LIZZY R Head 8-6 J Quinn –

13-8 Go LikeCrazy, 11-4 Son Of Snowy, 5-1 Saxon Heir, 11-2 Siberian Lizzy, 6-1 Full Of Innuendo.

2.30 ORLEANS LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,143: 5f 213yd) (6)

201 (5) 0-11 BELLO GALLICO 4 (D,S) R Hannon 9-3 Pat Eddery 95
202 (4) 035- HELLO MISTER 118 (G) J O'Donoghue 8-11 P McCabe (5) 92
203 (1) 20-0 SEDIMENTARY 23 G Bravery 8-11 C Hodgson (3) 89
204 (6) 214- LAUNE 236 (C,F) Mrs J Cecil 8-6 B Raymond 94
205 (2) 061- SWEET WHISPER 118 (V,C,D,G) K McAuliffe 8-6 D Holland 83
206 (3) 000- TWICE IN BUNDORAN 161 (G) D Cosgrove 8-6 L Newton (5) ■

4-5 Bello Gallico, 9-2 Laune, 7-1 Sweet Whisper, Hello Mister, 12-1 others.

3.00 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS APRIL HANDICAP (£4,836: 6f 209yd) (10)

301 (7) 43-0 NEW CAPRICORN 16 (D,F,G,S) M Jarvis 4-10-0 Pat Eddery 96
302 (1) 00-0 NO EXTRAS 14 (F,G,S) G L Moore 4-9-4 A Morris 92
303 (10) 100- MOROCCO 304 (D,F,S) M Channon 5-9-1 B Raymond 90
304 (4) 00-6 SOUTHERN MEMORIES 11 (F,G) R Hannon 4-8-13 D O'Neill (7) 98
305 (8) 43-3 NEVER SURE 14 P Cole 4-8-7 T Quinn ■
306 (2) 10-0 SECOND CHANCE 21 (D,F,S) P Mitchell 4-8-6 L Dettori 93
307 (6) 0-00 GREAT HALL 11 (B) P Cundell 5-8-5 J Williams 97
308 (5) 1306 CONFRONTER 18 (V,D,G,S) S Dow 5-8-0 P Robinson 94
309 (3) 040- TOP PET 125J (F) R Akehurst 4-8-0 J Quinn 95
310 (9) 000- DOUBLE SHIFT 186 B Millman 5-7-10 F Norton 95

3-1 New Capricorn, 5-1 Southern Memories, 6-1 Confronter, Never Sure, 7-1 Great Hall, Second Chance, 8-1 Morocco, No Extras, 12-1 others.

3.30 CONFLANS MAIDEN STAKES (£3,494: 7f 214yd) (10)

401 (1) 54/ LONESOME TRAIN 443J C Weedon 5-9-12 A Clark –
402 (8) BARNET FAYRE J Flitch-Heyes 4-8-7 T Williams –
403 (7) 0/0- HEDGEHOG 72J J O'Donoghue 4-9-7 M Perrett –
404 (6) 00- GUTO NYTH BRAN 201 B Millman 3-8-11 S Whitworth –
405 (10) 02- HESELL STREET 202 L Cumani 3-8-11 Pat Eddery 80
406 (4) 6- MUSEUM 184 H Candy 3-8-11 C Rutter 81
407 (3) 00- THE CHAIRMAN 240 P Cole 3-8-11 T Quinn 82
408 (9) 05-4 TOP TYCOON 14 R Hannon 3-8-11 B Raymond 89
409 (5) 0 BO'BLAIR 49 R Simpson 3-8-6 A Mackay –
410 (2) 30- ISLAND OF SILVER 195 J Gosden 3-8-6 L Dettori ■

6-4 Hesell Street, 2-1 Island Of Silver, 5-1 The Chairman, 8-1 others.

4.00 ROYAL PAVILION CLAIMING STAKES (£2,669: 1m 3f 196yd) (14)

501 (4) -120 ECU DE FRANCE 44 (G) M Madgwick 4-9-5 T Quinn 95
502 (6) -363 ELEMENTARY 18 (D,F,G) N Walker 11-9-5 Pat Eddery ■
503 (14) 04/ MARAADY 395J G Enright 5-9-0 M Perrett –
504 (1) 3-14 CARLOWITZ 72 (D,G) A Moore 6-8-13 L Dettori 72
505 (5) 00-2 INTENTION 7 I Campbell 4-8-11 S Mulvey (7) 88
506 (9) 5113 STORM FREE 41 (BF,G) L Cottrell 8-8-11 D Holland 84
507 (11) 00/ BOTH BARRELS 674 R Simpson 4-8-9 B Raymond –
508 (7) 00-0 BOXBOY 97 K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-9 S Whitworth 75
509 (12) 4 JOKERS THREE 23 (B) S Mellor 5-8-9 T Sprake 67
510 (8) 00-6 EWAR GOLD 26J (B,G) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-6 B Doyle (3) –
511 (13) 0/6 SHANAKEE 11 J Flitch-Heyes 7-8-5 T Williams 70
512 (10) 40-0 NOBLE SOCIETY 23 M Usher 6-8-4 R Price 65
513 (2) 1022 LYPH 23 (G) P Hedger 8-8-3 S Dawson 77
514 (3) 004- ALICE'S MIRROR 52J (V) T McGovern 5-8-0 D Wright (5) 67

3-1 Carlowitz, 4-1 Elementary, 5-1 Intention, 7-1 Ecu De France, 8-1 Jokers Three, Storm Free, 12-1 others.

4.30 TOWN PURSE HANDICAP (£3,339: 7f 214yd) (15)

601 (3) 33-2 MR NEVERMIND 18 (C,F,G) G L Moore 4-9-13 A Clark 92
602 (6) 03-0 DIGPAST 18 (BF,G) R Akehurst 4-9-9 T Quinn 93
603 (11) 800- TRIPPIANO 240 (D,F) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-7 B Raymond 96
604 (7) 430- SEA BARON 184 M Blanshard 4-9-6 J Quinn 90
605 (14) 3505 EARLY STAR 45 (D,G) K Bishop 5-9-4 R Perham 84
606 (12) 033- MA BELLA LUNA 42J (D,G) J Moore 5-9-2 N Adams 87
607 (4) 00-0 MISLEMANI 24 Lady Herries 4-9-2 P Quinn (7) 98
608 (9) 000- SPARKY'S SONG 177 (F) J Arnold 4-8-5 D Holland 97
609 (1) 2121 MEDLAND 23 (C,D,F,G) D Wilson 4-8-2 T Williams ■
610 (10) 6300 LUCKNAM STYLE 21 (V,F) Mrs B Waring 6-8-1 C Rutter 94
611 (15) 600- DOZLEM 108 R Flower 5-7-9 N Varley (7) 87
612 (2) 06-5 TOUCHEE BOUCHEE 14 D French Davis 4-7-7 D Wright (5) 88
613 (13) 000 ONLY A SONG 18 (B) J Jenkins 4-7-7 Sally Wall (7) –
614 (5) 0-40 MYJINKA 28 (B) J O'Donoghue 4-7-7 M Baird (7) 82
615 (8) 00/ CUSHTY 672 R Flower 5-7-7 S Lanigan (7) –

7-2 Mislemani, 4-1 Mr Nevermind, 9-2 Digpast, 6-1 Medland, Trippiano, 10-1 Lucknam Style, Sea Baron, 12-1 others.

5.00 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£2,925: 5f 59yd) (9)

1 (4) 3340 ASSIGNMENT 11 (BF,C,D,F,G) J Flitch-Heyes 8-10-0 T Wilkins 88
2 (6) -026 COVENT GARDEN GIRL 14 (D,G,S) W G M Turner 4-9-12 P McCabe (5) 85
3 (5) 550- ABERLADY 147 (D,F,G) M Jarvis 4-9-12 P Robinson 81
4 (2) 200- LORINS GOLD 198 A Turnell 4-9-4 S Dawson 84
5 (3) 1112 SPENDER 26 (BF,D,G) P Harris 5-9-3 L Dettori ■
6 (7) 40-4 DASHING DANCER 23 R Akehurst 3-8-13 T Quinn 80
7 (8) 3500 SPEEDY CLASSIC 28 (B,G) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-12 D Wright (5) 88
8 (9) 6452 BRIGHT PARAGON 7 (D,S) H Collingridge 5-8-11 J Quinn 90
9 (1) 00-0 GARRALLAN 23 L Cottrell 4-8-4 D Holland –

13-8 Spender, 7-2 Bright Paragon, 5-1 Dashing Dancer, 8-1 Aberlady, 10-1 Speedy Classic, 14-1 others.

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2.20 Sul Fosso. 2.50 Arctic Diamond. 3.20 Lady Highfield. 3.50 Monte Cavo. 4.20 Gallery Artist. 4.50 Passion Sunday.

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2.20 CARBERRY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,641: 5f) (8 runners)

1 DURGAMS FIRST Mrs M Reveley 8-10 K Darley 2
2 0 HEE'S A DANCER 12 B Rothwell 8-10 J Fanning 4
3 SUL FOSSO J Berry 8-10 J Carroll 8
4 RAMBO WALTZER S Norton 8-6 N Connorton 5
5 3 GALACIA 21 W G M Turner 8-5 A Daly (7) 3
6 4 SEENTHELIGHT 14 D Moffatt 8-5 Darren Moffatt (5) 1
7 ACHILL PRINCESS W Kemp 8-1 J Lowe 6
8 0 ATHLETIC LADY 24 D Nicholls 8-1 L Charnock 7

5-2 Sul Fosso, 3-1 Galacia, 4-1 Durgams First, Seenthelight, 8-1 Hee's A Dancer, Rambo Waltzer, 12-1 others.

2.50 TENNENTS SPRING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,903: 1m 3f 32yd) (9)

1 100- SLASHER JACK 179 (G) S Norton 9-7 J Tate (5) 4
2 -2U1 LYING EYES 14 (S) W G M Turner 9-6 A Daly (7) 5
3 10-6 ARCTIC DIAMOND 25 (S) Mrs J Ramsden 9-2 K Fallon 6
4 3604 MR DEVIOUS 14 (G) C Allen 8-13 E Guest 7
5 -604 PRINCESS SHERA 12 E Alston 8-1 S Maloney (3) 2
6 00-2 BURRINGHAM BOY 20 B Rothwell 7-10 J Fanning 3
7 -306 STORM HEIGHTS 14 M Brittain 7-9 J Lowe 9
8 00-4 GOOD EVANS 14 C Booth 7-7 L Charnock 1
9 00-0 ARIAN SPIRIT 12 W Musson 7-7 A Mackay 8

5-2 Lying Eyes, 4-1 Arctic Diamond, 6-1 Arian Spirit, Mr Devious, 8-1 Princess Shera, Storm Heights, 12-1 Slasher Jack, 16-1 Burringham Boy, Good Evans.

3.20 INVERESK RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,704: 1m 16yd) (10)

1 26-0 DON PEPE 25 R Boss 9-0 N Carlisle 3
2 050- LANCASHIRE LIFE 305 E Alston 9-0 K Fallon 1
3 003- MELODY DANCER 147 S Norton 9-0 J Tate (5) 9
4 0320 MONKEY BOY 12 M Wane 9-0 Dean McKeown 10
5 000- NORTHGATE SYMPHONY 182 M Britain 9-0 J Lowe 7
6 550- SINBAD 214 J Watts 9-0 G Duffield 2
7 -440 BERNIE'S SISTER 12 C Allen 8-9 E Guest 4
8 00-3 BUSTLE'EM 16 C W C Elsey 8-9 K Darley 8
9 -634 LADY HIGHFIELD 59 (B) M Ryan 8-9 D Biggs 6
10 60-0 MONKEY WENCH 13 J Berry 8-9 J Carroll 5

3-1 Bustle'em, 4-1 Lady Highfield, 5-1 Monkey Boy, 6-1 Monkey Wench, 12-1 Don Pepe, Melody Dancer, Sinbad, 14-1 Bernie's Sister, 16-1 others.

3.50 NORTH BERWICK MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,672: 7f 15yd) (10)

1 000- AT THE SAVOY 138 C Booth 9-0 M Birch 6
2 50-3 CALDER KING 13 (B) J Eyre 9-0 Dean McKeown 7
3 5 CANZONET 7 M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 2
4 00- DIA GEORGY 164 R Guest 9-0 S Eiffert (7) 4
5 HAPPY HOSTAGE M Johnston 9-0 D Biggs 3
6 5 MONTE CAVO 12 J Watts 9-0 N Connorton 5
7 00-6 PAVACINI 20 M Brittain 9-0 J Lowe 8
8 422- HICKLETON LADY 234 Mrs M Reveley 8-9 K Darley 1
9 4-0 KALOU 14 C W C Elsey 8-9 J Carroll 9
10 0 LAST QUARRY 20 Mrs J Ramsden 8-9 K Fallon 10

5-2 Kalou, 7-2 Hickleton Lady, 4-1 Canzonet, 6-1 Calder King, 8-1 Monte Cavo, 10-1 At The Savoy, Pavacini, 14-1 others.

4.20 ABERLADY SELLING HANDICAP (£1,574: 7f 15yd) (13)

1 4342 DIFFERENT TIMES 23 (V,S) J Berry 4-10-0 J Carroll 1
2 2106 GALLERY ARTIST 26 (CD,G,S) R Guest 6-9-11 K Darley 9
3 00-5 ARABAT 18 (D,F,G,S) M Wane 7-9-9 Dean McKeown 7
4 0-20 WORKINGFORPEANUTS 26 (V,D,F) C Smith 4-8-13 J Lowe 8
5 -000 VILAMAR 19 (D,F) E Alston 4-8-12 S Maloney (3) 11
6 060- THUNDERBIRD TWO 224 Denys Smith 3-8-8 N Connorton 4
7 540- PETAL'S JARRED 170 Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-4 K Fallon 13
8 0/ CHOIR'S IMAGE 30J J Eyre 7-8-4 M McAndrew 12
9 000- HONG KONG FUTURE 161 S Norton 3-8-3 J Tate (5) 10
10 4344 CAPITAL LADY 19 B Rothwell 3-8-3 N Carlisle 6
11 0/0 HENRY WILL 3 (D,F,G,S) W Barker 10-8-1 G Duffield 2
12 0-00 THROW AWAY LINE 14 (V) R Barr 5-7-13 J Fanning 3
13 0/0- MY GIRL FRIDAY 208J D Chapman 5-7-7 S Wood 5

7-2 Different Times, 4-1 Petal's Jarred, 5-1 Capital Lady, 6-1 Arabat, Workingforpeanuts, 8-1 Gallery Artist, 12-1 Vilamar, 14-1 others.

4.50 DALMENY HANDICAP (£1,690: 7f 15yd) (7)

1 000- DIET 181 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 8-10-0 J Marshall (5) 7
2 00-4 LANGTONIAN 4 (S) J Eyre 5-9-10 N Carlisle 5
3 00-5 NIGEL'S LUCKY GIRL 21 (D,F,G) R Harris 6-8-8 J McLaughlin 1
4 40-0 THE DANDY DON 14 Denys Smith 5-8-3 J Lowe 4
5 6500 PASSION SUNDAY 12 (B,CD,F) D Nicholls 3-8-1 G Duffield 3
6 56-5 THATCHED 14 (V) R Barr 4-7-10 J Fanning 2
7 0-00 VALLEY OF TIME 18 (CD,F) D Nolan 6-7-7 Darren Moffatt (5) 6

5-2 Nigel's Lucky Girl, 4-1 Diet, Langtonian, 5-1 Thatched, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

BRIGHTON: Trainers: L Cumani, 21 winners from 52 runners, 40.4%; J Gosden, 11 from 33, 33.3%; M Jarvis, 10 from 39, 25.6%; R Akehurst, 19 from 83, 22.9%; R Hannon, 34 from 183, 18.6%; P Cole, 17 from 101, 16.8%. Jockeys: P McCabe, 4 winners from 9 rides, 44.4%; L Dettori, 22 from 91, 24.2%; Pat Eddery, 20 from 89, 22.5%; P Robinson, 5 from 27, 18.5%; D Holland, 10 from 56, 17.9%; T Quinn, 33 from 205, 16.1%.

EDINBURGH: Trainers: R Guest, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; J Berry, 33 from 148, 22.3%; M Prescott, 9 from 41, 22.0%; S Norton, 7 from 44, 15.9%; M Johnston, 8 from 54, 14.8%; J Watts, 3 from 22, 13.6%. Jockeys: J Tate, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; J Marshall, 4 from 18, 22.2%; J Carroll, 27 from 127, 21.3%; G Duffield, 21 from 109, 19.3%; K Darley, 22 from 120, 18.3%; N Connorton, 9 from 60, 15.0%.

NOTTINGHAM: Trainers: H Cecil, 25 winners from 63 runners, 39.7%; L Cumani, 9 from 27, 33.3%; Mrs J Cecil, 4 from 19, 21.1%; J Dunlop, 18 from 91, 19.8%; M Johnston, 5 from 30, 16.6%; G Wragg, 5 from 35, 14.3%. Jockeys: D Harrison, 8 winners from 31 rides, 25.8%; W Carson, 35 from 166, 21.1%; A Tucker, 3 from 21, 14.3%; R Cochrane, 12 from 91, 13.2%; Paul Eddery, 13 from 108, 12.0%; W Ryan, 16 from 141, 11.3%.

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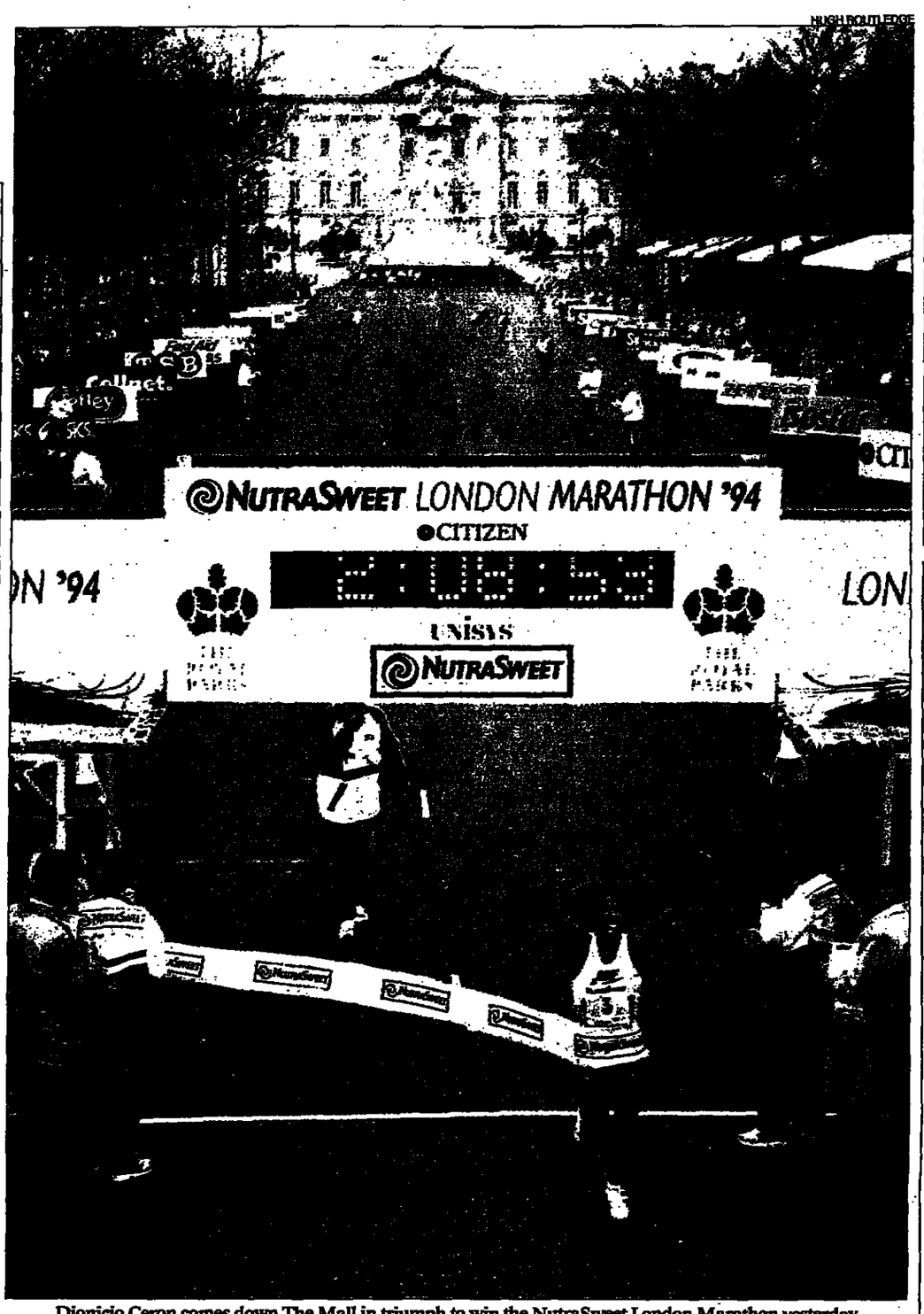
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HUGH BOUTLEDGE

Dionicio Ceron comes down The Mall in triumph to win the NutraSweet London Marathon yesterday

TOP 50 IN THE MEN'S RACE

1 D Ceron 2:08:53	26 D Rixon 2:15:41
2 A Mekonnen 2:09:17	27 M O'Reilly 2:15:46
3 G Silva 2:09:18	28 D Nzioka 2:17:11
4 S Bettiol 2:09:40	29 B Foster 2:17:16
5 G Gajdus 2:09:49	30 S Molokomme 2:17:45
6 M Pitayo 2:10:58	31 C Ayala 2:17:53
7 T Negere 2:10:59	32 M Crossdale 2:18:04
8 E Martin 2:11:05	33 E Ali 2:18:21
9 R Vera 2:11:15	34 A Ben Radouane 2:18:28
10 C Patricio 2:11:42	35 G Mcgrath 2:18:30
11 M Flint 2:12:07	36 T Clark 2:18:42
12 F Couto 2:12:15	37 A Costa 2:18:49
13 S Brace 2:12:23	38 D Wakiihuri 2:19:25
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15 A Castro 2:12:44	40 G Davies 2:19:46
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20 B Deacon 2:13:35	45 J Ferrin 2:21:07
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22 P Whitehead 2:13:40	47 E Langat 2:21:27
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Long road reaches satisfying end for a united team

Guy Walters catches up with some of *The Times* marathon runners to discover how they fared on the streets of London

IT IS hard to imagine that, eight months ago, the members of *The Times* marathon team did not know each other. Yet yesterday, they came together to conquer the Pheidippidean distance.

At the pre-race lunch on Saturday all displayed vitality won through weeks and miles of training and mutual support. Most had dropped a dress size or two and the men had had to tighten their belts by a few notches. Addresses and photographs were exchanged and each wished each other well for the next day. All listened attentively to Chris Brasher's advice. "Lubricate every moving part," the founder of the London Marathon told them to some amusement, "and most of all enjoy yourselves." They did not look so sure about that.

Chandra Malde said that she had three catchwords for the race: glide, power and relax. Jolyon Gomersall, a 22-year-old student at London University, said that he was off to watch *The Merchant of Venice* at the Barbican by way of a pre-race evening. Ellen Crumly last ran the marathon seven years ago, so she knew what to expect. That was presumably why she looked the most nervous. All sensibly shied away from the offer of alcohol.

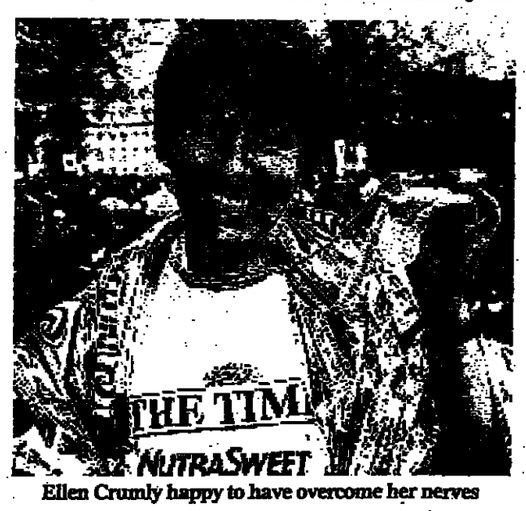
No Shylock, the 6ft 2in Gomersall crossed the finishing line on The Mall in 4hr 15min. "I was aiming for 10-minute miles and I managed to run some in eight to nine minutes. I didn't feel that tired, but my legs certainly do. I'm relieved to have finished and to have got round as well as I did. I'll aim for 3hr 30min next year".

Crumly, 38, had tired legs. "Can I have a new pair?" she asked. "It was extremely cold out, especially around Canary Wharf where it was very exposed. It got really bad at the 15-mile stage and I was thinking 'Oh no, I've got tenmiles to go', but it's absolutely wonderful to have finished." The thought of a bottle of champagne at home in Newbury was something that she couldn't wait for.

Malde, 52, glided round in six hours, sharing the finishing line with another member of the team, Christine Wheeler. By the 20th mile both had decided to walk; there seemed little point in injuring themselves by continuing to run. "However, I wasn't going to stop," Malde, an occupational therapist, said. "I had to finish. I feel fine, and not physically that tired. I would love to do the race again next year. I would have hoped for a slightly quicker time, but it's hard to imagine that I wasn't running six months ago."

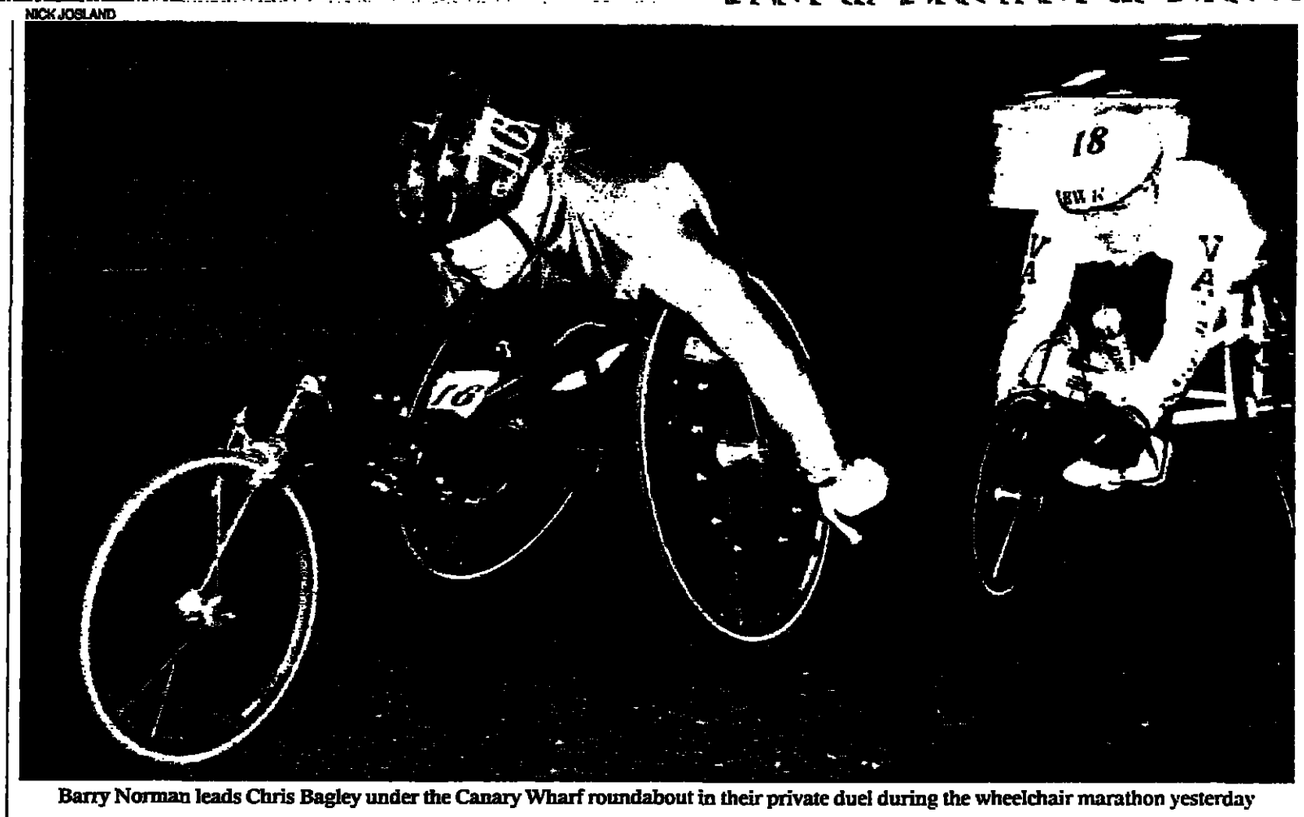
All the runners displayed a mixture of relief, satisfaction and pride after they had completed the race. It is to their credit that they managed to meet the demands of family, work and punishing training schedules to overcome just over 26 freezing and windy miles with huge grins on their faces. Even better then, that they wish to repeat it all next year. Perhaps the weather will be better next time.

□ *The Times* team is comprised of readers selected from hundreds of applicants last summer. Over the last nine months they have been advised by Mel Batty, coach of last year's winner, Eamonn Martin, and Brasher.



Ellen Crumly happy to have overcome her nerves

NICK JOSLAND



Barry Norman leads Chris Bagley under the Canary Wharf roundabout in their private duel during the wheelchair marathon yesterday

Sprint finish the hallmark of champions

BY ALIX RAMSAY

TANNI Grey and David Holding reclaimed their titles in the London wheelchair marathon yesterday, both relying on a sprint finish to beat the challenges of the veterans Rose Hill and Ivan Newman.

Nobody was more surprised than Grey with her win. The world record-holder and Paralympic champion over the four sprint distances, she took this year's marathon as no more than part of her training for the world championships in Berlin in July. But despite the cold and windy conditions which favour Hill's more dogged and consistent style, Grey turned into The Mall alongside Hill and raced for the tape to finish four seconds ahead.

"I think it's one of the best marathons I have ever pushed," Grey said. "I know that if I am still with Rose at 20 miles then I have got a good chance." With the only other serious contender, Lily Anggreny, from Germany, withdrawing through illness on Friday, the race was always going to be close between the 24-year-old Grey and Hill, who at 39 has found a new lease of life over the marathon.

Just as two years ago, when Grey last won in London, neither she nor Hill was willing to take the lead over the last mile and a half, Hill fearing Grey's speed and Grey not wanting to push the pace from too far out. "But in the closing yards its as much psychological as anything because Rose knows I'm a better sprinter," Grey said.

After a winter of warm weather training in Australia and stints on the American road racing circuit, Grey's stamina and race-fitness is better than last year, when she finished third. With the world championships on the horizon she is planning to race every distance from 100 metres to 10,000 metres, with two more marathons planned in Switzerland and Berlin.

Holding, the 1989 champion, was in much the same position as Grey as he turned into The Mall. He had fought it out with Hakan Eriksson for the first 20 miles, competing wheelrim to wheelrim through every turn of the gruelling and slow course. But over the closing miles Newman caught the leaders and with Holding opened a four-minute gap over Eriksson.

At 41, Newman is not too old to learn new tricks and is moving away from athletics training and working with a cycling coach to improve his marathon times. However, with Holding in his slipstream all the way to the finish, he could do nothing to stop the younger man from taking victory on the line, two seconds ahead to relegate Newman to second place for the second year running.

WHEELCHAIR RESULTS

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MEN: 1, D Holding, 1hr 46min 08sec; 2, I Newman, 1:46.08; 3, H Eriksson (Swe), 1:50.22; 4, J McKenna, 1:55.06; 5, I Thompson, 1:55.14; 6, C Madden, 1:55.15; 7, J Van Buren (Holl), 1:58.47; H Nelissa (Holl), 1:58.47; 9, D Todd, 2:01.11; 10, C Hallam, 2:05.45; 11, R Powell, 2:05.49; 12, A Cheek, 2:05.59; 13, D Gray, 2:10.25; 14, P Van der Feest (Holl), 2:10.37; 15, M Kedrick, 2:10.54; 15, J Vanderhoek (Holl), 2:16.23; 17, C Sadler, 2:18.27; 18, K Doran, 2:17.03; 19, B Norman, 2:18.11; 20, B Cooper, 2:18.22; 21, C Bagley, 2:19.22; 22, K Breen, 2:21.53; 23, I Lee, 2:24.24; 24, P Guest, 2:24.28; 25, J-O Mattsson (Swe), 2:33.00; 26, C Richardson, 2:33.13; 27, R Winpress, 2:36.17; 28, G Green, 2: 45.07; 29, P Carruthers, 2:47.47; 30, D Bravbl, 2:51.26; 31, C Brazil, 2:52.20; 32, M Keat, 2:52.59; 33, M Agar, 2:53.02; 34, J Boutwood, 2:53.10; 35, S Darwin, 2:53.12; 36, M Knackstedzer, 2:56.57; 37, C Brogan, 2:56.58; 38, P Downing, 3:57.17; 39, S Andrews, 3:04.09; 40, E Rowbottom, 3:07.23; 41, G Perry, 3:09.43; 42, R Cassell, 3:16.47; 43, M Martin, 3:24.24; 44, M Pyke, 3:40.46.

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MINI-MARATHON: 12-15yrs: 1, D Wer, 7min 59sec; 2, N Jarvis, 8.32; 3, G Burns, 9.18; 4, C Hawkins, 10.29; 5, D Ford, 10.39; 6, J Smith, 10.50; 7, D Milner, 11.47; 8, G Fitch, 12.02; 9, T Patel, 12.08; 10, C Raggenbury, 12.11; 11, G Marshall, 14.09, 12, P Roberts, 16.07; 13, M Conway, 17.03; 14, M Kanji, 18.04; 15, L Carey, 18.31.

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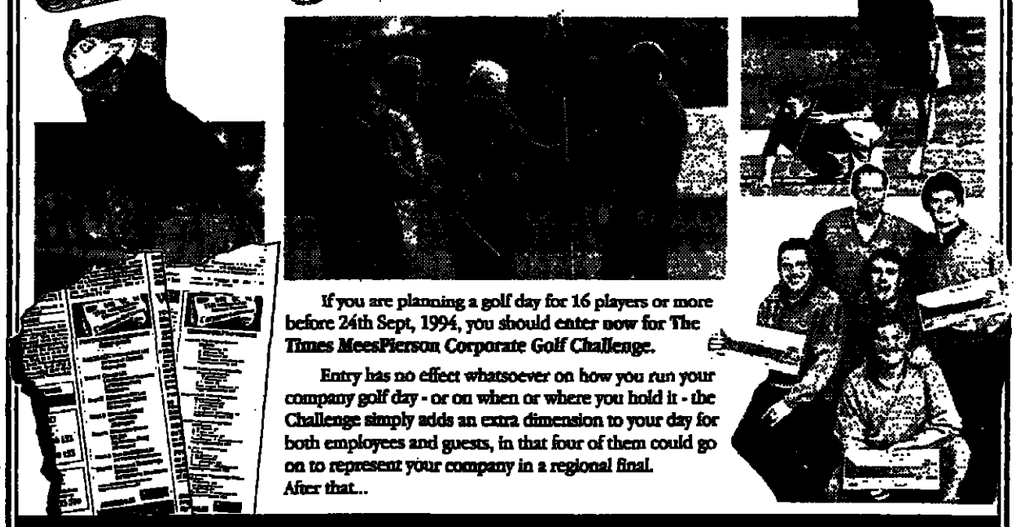
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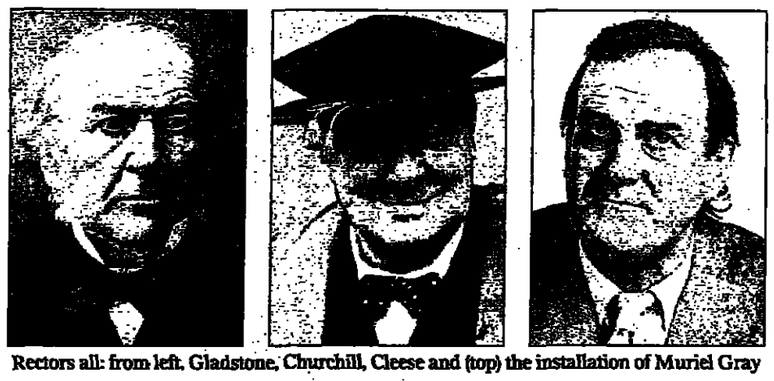
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EDUCATION



The rector's strife

From papal bull to flour-bomb, **Charles Kennedy** traces the rectors' role in Scottish university life



Rectors all: from left, Gladstone, Churchill, Cleese and (top) the installation of Muriel Gray

They are a contentious breed. From Winston Churchill to John Cleese, Marconi to Muggeridge, Gladstone to Muriel Gray. They constitute the wide-ranging roll-call of those who have held the office of rector at one of the four ancient Scottish universities — Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and St Andrews.

An examination of the office, its origins and development since medieval times confirms the extent to which so much of Scottish tradition — from the law to education, architecture and philosophy — owes more to continental influences than to developments and relationships south of the border.

Scotland boasted four universities (five if one counts the separate colleges at Aberdeen) at a time when England could point only to the Oxbridge duo. The Scottish institutions were founded by papal bulls, the constitutions stipulating offices which mirrored the church itself. The senior officers of the original universities were all churchmen, and earliest records show the office of rector carrying responsibility for discipline.

Over the centuries, the role developed from ruling over students to representing them. The 1858 and 1889 University Acts ushered in the twin democratic elements which have remained a central feature of the Scottish campuses to this day. Once elected, the rector enjoyed a seat on the University Court, the key decision-making body. It was a privilege not considered necessary to exercise, however — the students also having been accorded their own elected body, the Students' Representative Council.

Taken together, these democratic advances led initially to the era of the figurehead rector — the distinguished statesman, scientist, man of letters, philanthropist — who, upon election, was expected only to appear on campus for the ceremonial rectorial installation and the delivering of the installation address.

Thus were the great and the good duly honoured. The list covering the last quarter of the 19th century and the first quarter of the 20th speaks for itself. Rosebery, Asquith, Carnegie and Churchill (Aberdeen); Kitchener, Lloyd-George and Baldwin (Edinburgh); Disraeli, Chamberlain and Bonar-Law (Glasgow); Barrie, Kipling and Haig (St Andrews). To many, this still represents the golden age of rectorships.

The essentially honorary nature of the office in those days, coupled to the sense of history and tradition which it represented, made it an attractive one for these famous figures.

Not that rectorial installations have all been occasions of establishment dignity and student deference. As with so much of British society, the position of rector was to undergo further change following the Second World War. As the social base from which the universities drew their annual student intakes broadened, so the rectorial campaigns became more confrontational, the installation ceremonies more rowdy. Good-natured, high-spirited undergraduate enthusiasm was occasionally supplanted by behaviour more akin to hooliganism. The Rab Butler Glasgow installation of the 1950s was probably the most notorious in this respect — the entire platform party being flour-bombed and bedecked in toilet rolls. The newspaper pictures went round the world and certain heads rolled.

The last, most pivotal development in the office came during the late 1960s and early 1970s, as campus unrest became a global phenomenon. Malcolm Muggeridge, for example, was originally elected at Edinburgh on the basis of his track record as a scourge of the Establishment. In office, he fell foul of rapidly changing student social mores — resigning dramatically from office in protest at the arrival of contraceptive machines on campus.

The Muggeridge furore, and its attendant fallout, helped to create the climate in which the student body examined afresh the role of rector within the university constitution. They identified that all-important but never-initiated power to chair the court, and realised the potential which this offered a working rector.

The world of the ancient Scottish universities was turned upside down with the election of a student, Jonathan Wills, followed by the young Gordon Brown. Subsequently, that Establishment removed the right of a student to be proposed as rector, but the chairmanship power — despite the occasional attempt — has remained to this day.

It is a considerable power and responsibility. Universities are complex, multi-million-pound businesses. The funding squeeze, in the 1980s and 1990s, makes their court politics crucial to many livelihoods. Today's working rectors have three-year terms in which to influence the course of court events as chairman of the board, while also fulfilling the role of campus constituency MP. It has become a hands-on, hard-working honour.

Will it survive? Having examined an institution which has straddled everything from medieval times to Margaret Thatcher, I believe the office of rector will succeed in easing itself into the 21st century and beyond. The rectors are a contentious breed — in a very Scottish institution.

● *Charles Kennedy has written and presents the three-party BBC Radio 4 series "A Contentious Breed" which begins on Wednesday, April 20. The series is produced by Fiona Cooper.*

It's never too early to learn how to spell

Tinkering with teenage exam results will do nothing to solve a nationwide problem

VIEWPOINT

SUSAN ELKIN

Confectionary, off-licence, potatos (sic). You see them every time you go out. Only last week a national broadsheet newspaper (not *The Times*, happily) printed *licenced* (sic) in large letters on its front page. Even in these days of computerised spell-checkers a business letter, circular or pamphlet which gets such as *receive, business* and *practised* right is a rarity. Apostrophes, also part of spelling, are routinely scattered about like errant tadpoles. In fact, it has reached the stage that if I see, say, *accommodation* correctly spelt or *clients' cars* with the appropriate apostrophe, I register it with surprise and feel I should be congratulating someone.

There is no doubt that spelling standards continue to decline and that must be attributable to something which is happening — or more to the point, not happening — in schools. The writers of all those misspelt notices and documents have, after all, spent a minimum of eleven years in school.

Two years ago government concern led to a decision that GCSE candidates would be penalised by up to 5 per cent for poor spelling, but marginal tinkering with exam grades and marks, years after the problem should have been avoided, makes not a jot of difference. As a teacher myself I'm afraid it's going to take something much more radical, and earlier, to stop the rot.

> "Far too many teachers are themselves indifferent spellers"

Because, of course, for most people spelling is a teachable skill. It needs drumming in didactically and systematically from the very beginning of school alongside learning to read. As a child learns to read words, by whatever method, he should also be helped to master their spelling. Where there is a logic — cat, rat, bat; strap, street, strong — then attention should be focused on it. And where there isn't — home, come, comb; rough, cough, dough — then irregularities have to be noticed and memorised. Spelling games help. Different ways of finding out or checking how to spell something must be taught. There is nothing wrong, moreover, with spelling lists and dictations to reinforce the learning.

It is vital that children should understand from the beginning that spelling really matters. At present too many are allowed to think that it is a minor concern. Awareness of its importance should be inculcated as second nature. As they mature, properly taught children learn to recognise what they cannot spell — perhaps a new word, a technical term, a name which has not been seen in writing. That is the point at which to use a dictionary or some sort of directory. But reference books are useless to someone who has never been shown how to use them.

The British Dyslexia Association says that about 10 per cent of the population are affected by a certain amount of dyslexia, of which a classic symptom is difficulty with spelling. That means that in a class of 30 there may be about three pupils who need special help and consideration and, of course, appropriate support should be forthcoming for them. That still, however, leaves 27 potentially accurate spellers, perfectly capable of acquiring this essential skill provided that they are taught spelling comprehensively and consistently.

The truth, however, is that spelling, too, remains often untaught and uncorrected, especially in secondary schools. Part of the problem is that spelling is often unacknowledged as a vital cross-curricular skill. Most subjects require some writing and every teacher should be a teacher of spelling. Specialists should be prepared both to teach tricky subject-specific spellings (*isosceles, Pharaoh, oxygen, plateau* and so on) and to correct general spelling mistakes, but you often hear cries of, "Oh I'm far too busy to worry about spelling. That's the English Department's job."

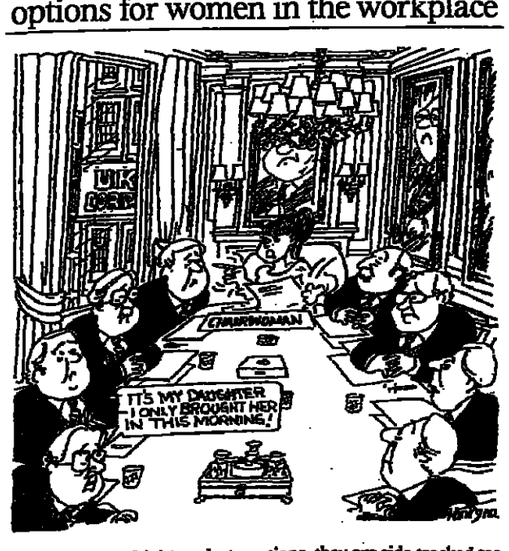
Disturbingly, the reason spelling is not emphasised is that far too many teachers are themselves indifferent spellers. A worrying attitude has evolved in some quarters that if you're a teacher of maths or art spelling is irrelevant. Some regard it as beneath their notice; others are resigned to their own incompetence. As a biologist colleague once remarked ruefully to me: "I do wish I could spell like you, but then scientists never can."

Many heads and trusted senior staff routinely check reports and letters written in their schools for spelling errors in an attempt to conceal teacher-spelling ineptitude from the outside world. Mistakes inside school on blackboards, noticeboards and in comments on children's work — *seperate, sentance, sponsered* (sic) — are commonplace.

Accuracy in spelling, like incisiveness of expression, is a route to precision. For children to be denied the right to develop into confident adults for whom correct spelling is automatic, because too many teachers can't or won't teach it properly, is scandalous.

Opening eyes about career-choice for girls

Hugh Thompson looks at a fresh way of introducing teenagers to options for women in the workplace



Girls aged between 12 and 14 from more than 300 schools will go to work next week. This is not a return to Victorian child labour but the hope of the Take Our Daughters To Work programme.

The idea has been going for two years in the United States, where last year one million teenage girls went to look at work. Schools, through the parents, business contacts and interested employers, will send their girls for a day's fact-finding with the aim of breaking down another barrier of stereotypes.

The hope is that even more girls will feel less inhibited about competing for the fullest range of jobs.

Two of the first schools involved come from very different sides of the tracks: Hartismere High School, a mixed comprehensive in Eye, Suffolk, and More House School, in fashionable Chelsea.

Sue Hargadon, deputy head at Hartismere, says: "Despite our girls doing better than the boys at GCSE, there are still fewer of them staying on. There are still many traditional pressures to get married and not worry about a career. We have to tackle the stereotyping earlier than the time when we give normal career advice."

Hartismere girls will have already had three weeks of an awareness programme when they actually spend a day at a workplace. The school hopes that this will encourage them to ask the right questions and challenge some of the things which traditionally hold them back.

"Girls are frightened to compete in certain areas because they don't know what has been achieved and what is possible," Ms Hargadon says. "We have had talks with other schools in Suffolk, and everyone is very excited."

The organisers of the day are the Office for Public Management, the public sector consultancy, which found that 76 per cent of employers in the public sector and 40 per cent in the private, as well as 88 per cent of schools, were willing in principle to take part. Helen Brown, of OPM, says: "Too many girls think in terms of the lower-paid support functions, they are side-tracked too early into a narrow and often badly paid range of career opportunities. We hope to open up the possibilities of becoming airline pilots and accountants for instance."

Margaret Connell, the headmistress of More House School, says: "We already do a week's work experience in the sixth form, but I feel that getting the girls to think about careers and qualifications at a younger age must be for the good. Too many still have vague ideas about being actresses, vets or doing something in the BBC.

"Most have very little idea of what actually goes on at work, the wide range of jobs and functions involved. Most don't think at all about what their parents are up to all day. I hope that girls will come back with more idea about the choices involved, knowing that you need qualifications if you want to have the widest choice.

"It is important that they realise there is a relationship betwen doing interesting work and qualifications. Many still feel that because their parents didn't have qualifications, it will be all right for them.

"Until recently, some of our girls thought that if all else failed they could go into daddy's business. Well, quite of few of daddy's businesses are no longer there."

At present, despite 30 years of supposed equality, the organisers claim that only 20 per cent of girls seriously consider a career, and boys receive the lion's share of careers advice. Historically, girls have set themselves lower career ambitions because many do not perceive themselves as being able to achieve high career status.

It is hoped that the programme will alter these depressing figures and make many more girls aware of a wider range of occupations and the educational paths they must follow to reach those goals. Girls often make subject choices which constrain their future careers.

Details for both schools and employers available from Take Our Daughters To Work, c/o Office of Public Management, 252b Grays Inn Road, London WCX 8JT.

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Further details may be obtained from the Director of Personnel, University of Durham, Old Shire Hall, Durham, DH1 3HP. Tel: 091-374 3140, Fax: 091-374 4747, to whom applications (3 copies) should be submitted, including the names of three referees. Candidates outside the British Isles may submit one copy only.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Nottingham

Department of German

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Informal enquiries may be made to Professor Hinrich Siefken. Tel: (0602) 515815/6. **Ref. 1771.**

Lecturer in German

Candidates must have strong research interests and near-native speaker language skills; preference may be given to particular expertise in the period 1750-1850.

Salary will be within the Lecturer scale A £13,601 - £18,855 pa and will be from 1 October 1994. **Ref. 1781.**

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UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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Informal enquiries about the post may be made to Peter Seago, tel: 0532 335010.

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A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undersigned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same
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15 April 1994

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Salute to a great stage explorer

Yesterday, at the Olivier ceremony, the director Peter Brook won the Times Award for his outstanding contribution to British theatre. Here Jeremy Kingston looks at his remarkable career

Peter Brook is not yet 70, though he will be by this time next year. And yet his CV as a man of the theatre stretches back over half a century to the Second World War. In 1943, he had only just left school when he directed a *Dr Faustus* at the long-vanished Torch Theatre — a fringe theatre before fringes took the stage — its own stage described as "like the upper deck of an omnibus forever traffic-jammed off Knightsbridge". Omnibus — that rolls back the years.

When he was only 20, with (somehow or other) Oxford University already behind him, he worked for Sir Barry Jackson's famous Repertory theatre in Birmingham, directing Shakespeare, Shaw and Ibsen in his first season. He directed the not-much-older Paul Scofield at Stratford the following year. And, in a London production of Sartre's *Huis Clos*, he also directed an actor who was hoping to try his hand at some film work shortly: Alec Guinness.

> "Brook's capacity to sift out possibilities in his casts is unrivalled"

Peter Brook was a *wunderkind*, and it is a pity that there is really no such word as a *wundermann* to describe him as he is today, no longer the infant prodigy, but still prodigious. These days, he does not direct three or four plays in a year, with perhaps a *Boris Godunov* or a Dali-inspired *Salome* thrown in. His current working practice explores meaning and feeling with such rigour that we are lucky to be offered a new production every two or three years.

And would that London had been so lucky! Some little local difficulties have meant that when *The Man Who* opens at the National Theatre next month, it will be Brook's first production to be seen in London since the early 1970s.

There was a light-fantastical touch to his early productions. No, *light* is not the proper word to describe them. He often favoured an elegance, a delicate filigree effect, but the deft touch that created these effects was always resolute and strong.

Last autumn I spoke to him about those early productions of Anouilh and Christopher Fry and French boulevard comedies. He said: "You know, the work of those years is all jumbled together." After a pause for reflection, he went on: "When I was working for Sir Barry Jackson, he told me to go and see Shaw, who was then 92. We talked about casting Juliet. 'Oh,' Shaw said, 'so-and-so would be terribly good. Just what you want. She worked for me in . . .' and then he broke off, confused and laughing. 'Oh, she was in *You Never Can Tell*. She'd be about 60 now!' "

It is awe-inspiring that someone who is about to bring his latest production to the National should once have conferred about casting with Shaw.

One of the marks of a great director is the ability to look at an actor, study him with what, in a science-fiction comic book would be called X-ray eyes, and sense the potential power of which the actor is unaware, and may be fearful of discovering. Brook's capacity to sift out possibilities in his casts has been unrivalled. There was a time when John Gielgud, the other man of the theatre whom we are currently celebrating, was unwilling (as he confesses) to take on any role that might mean forfeiting the love of an audience. Yet Brook encouraged him to play the rotten Angelo in *Measure For Measure* and the insanely jealous Leontes in *The Winter's Tale*.

Again and again, he has gently, persistently urged his casts to discover the living qualities within them, and to perfect the art of expressing them, so as to incorporate the audience into the occasion. What is it that conveys a feeling? What is it that makes theatre?

In searching for answers to that last question, Brook settled in Paris, where he heads the International Centre for Theatre Research. This deceptively dry title defines exactly what its participants do. They come from Japan, India, Africa, as well as from Europe and America. Sadly, this does present an audience with difficulties when so international a cast is asked to speak in English. Research into the nature of theatre has kept them endlessly at work exploring ways to occupy the "empty space" — probably Brook's most famous phrase.

The empty space can be created anywhere, inside a theatre or out in the open air; it can be the gap between two concrete benches, or the carpet which was all the company took with them on their journey through Africa.

Brook has found answers — or as he would say, temporary answers — in the texts and village performances of cultures far from our own. He and his company take what they feel still works for them — and, they hope, for us — from wherever they look. In his latest collection of essays, significantly titled *There Are No Secrets*, he writes: "In some cases, a traditional form is still living; in another, tradition is the dead hand that strangles the vital experience. The problem is to refuse the 'accepted way', without looking for change for the sake of changing."

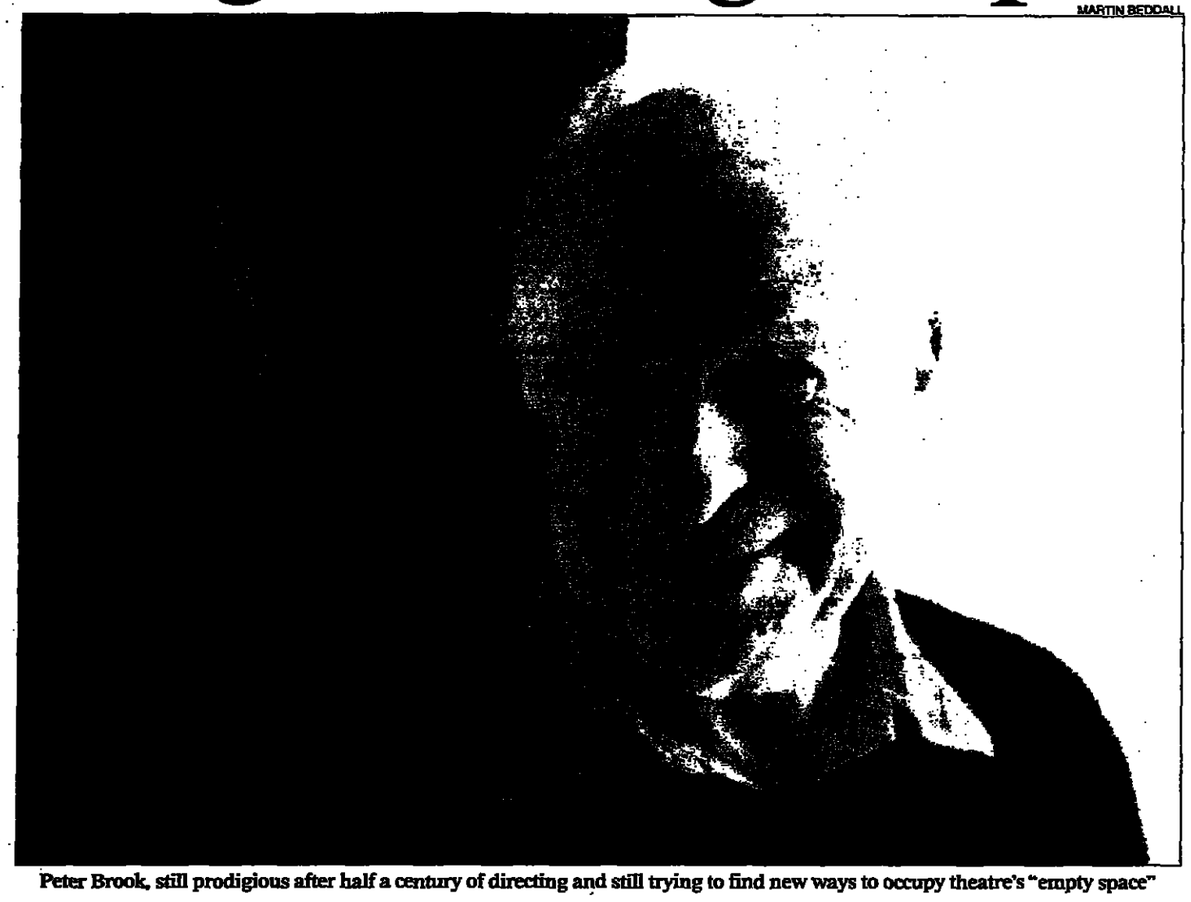
At last year's Empty Space Awards ceremony, he spoke, inspiringly, about how theatre opens us to feelings we would not otherwise experience. There welled up in me a tremendous urge to abandon work, home, friends and rush off to Paris, where I would cry: "Let me sweep the floor. Let me make you *tasses du thé*, anything, so long as I can be a part of what you are doing!"

The urge subsided, as such urges do for most of us, as we resume our accepted way of living. It is for Brook's lifelong refusal of the accepted way, and his success at conveying to us so many, varied, profound sensations of feeling alive, that we salute him.

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● *Tomorrow the results of the Times Readers' Accolade will be announced*

MARTIN BEDDALL



Peter Brook, still prodigious after half a century of directing and still trying to find new ways to occupy theatre's "empty space"

A man for all seasons

Milestones in Peter Brook's theatrical journey:

1950: *Ring Round the Moon*
Exquisite rendering of Jean Anouilh's *pièce brillante* by way of Christopher Fry. Starring Paul Scofield and Margaret Rutherford, it ran for 18 months in the West End.

1955: *Titus Andronicus*
With Olivier: Brook rediscovered Shakespeare's shocker after a century of almost total neglect. He was also the designer and composer.

1962: *King Lear*
Scofield in the title role of the production that defined the play for its time: bleak, spare, finding infinite meaning in tiny details.

1964: *Marat/Sade*
Or, more correctly, *The Persecution and Assassination of Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade.* Astonishing development from his work on "The Theatre of Cruelty" performed by Royal Shakespeare Company.

1966: *US*
RSC. A denunciation of the Vietnam War. Outraged blinkered supporters of the Anglo-American alliance.

1970: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
RSC. Amazing re-imagination of the play, with the fairies as *trapeze artistes* and a red-nosed Bottom.

1983: *The Tragedy of Carmen*
A radical redefinition of Bizet's opera, pared away to its vital personal encounters.

1985: *The Mahabharata*
Nine-hour saga performed by his Paris company and seen in Glasgow three years later. Memorable stage effects.

THEATRE

Lively battle of the sexes

Lady Windermere's Fan
Tricycle, NW6

THE Duchess of Berwick is a beefy deep bass in drag exclaiming at the shocking people infiltrating high society these days. Sean Kearns's ugly duchess, in Rough Magic's stylish although not wholly successful revival of Wilde's fin-de-siècle morality play, has powdered her nose to the point of a grand guignol mask. Her bustle sticks out like a growth as she waddles to and fro using Lady Windermere's parlour as a practice catwalk, wiggling her posterior hump like an old dromedary on heat even as she pretends to sympathise with her hostess's strict morals and condemns Lord Windermere's and all men's supposed sexual depravity.

Kearns, a pantomime dame, clown and old queen in one, is at once Wilde's grotesque parody of a hypocritical battle-axe and simultaneously has a touch of the playwright's own sexual liberalism. Lady Windermere's upper-class soirée, with lively theatrical wit, turns into a bohemian bout of cross-dressing. The male performers, with rouge and chalky foundation, double as both the ladies and gents, slipping in and out of petticoats before our eyes.

Lynne Parker's production intelligently visualises the play's main points, undermining the establishment's false segregations of feminine from masculine behaviour, of civilised decency from debauchery. Although Barbara Bradshaw's design initially establishes a black and white world, Lady Windermere discovers her starkly simplistic categorisations of vice and virtue actually include gradations, just as the tiered zones of the set flow into each other via flights of steps.

Parker's stylisation can work wonderfully in the public sphere of false-faced socialising. The private family scenes are less compelling and there is too little affection in the marital and mother-daughter relationships at the heart of the play.

KATE BASSETT

POP: A nostalgic trip back to the 1960s and, below, the mayhem of heavy metal

An outbreak of niceness

The Seekers
Albert Hall

APPROPRIATELY enough for a 25th anniversary reunion, the audience looked more in the mood to slip a cushion cover and an antimacassar over their seats rather than to succumb to rock 'n' roll madness and slash them. In the row behind me, pre-performance chatter centred on the relative merits of other concert experiences. The Shadows had been good, a trio of women agreed, but Michael Ball had been better. And then there were Torvill and Dean . . .

"Look", interrupted the only man in the party. "Isn't that Sir John Mills just sitting over there?" So it was. "I've always thought he was nice," one of the women said wistfully. "See, he's with his daughter Hayley." "Yes, nice," another responded. "Very nice," amplified the third.

And, suitably, this first of two Albert Hall shows by a merely temporarily reformed Seekers turned out to be a thoroughly nice evening indeed. The mid-1960s hits of Judith Durham and her partners, Keith Potger, Bruce Woodley and Athol Guy, were always stirring and melodic, never less than wholesome. And here, performed with gusto, but without undue modernisation, they shone again in their true light — as anthems of hope for a better, kinder tomorrow. Cynics might have scoffed had they not been busy wiping an unexpected tear or two from their eyes.

The two-part programme followed the band's history from its folk-gospel beginnings in Melbourne (lyrics about swagmen, Polynesian maidens and the like), through the early days of its British success (that first British No 1, "I'll Never Find Another You") and on to its eventual global domination and subsequent demise ("Georgy Girl", "The Carnival Is Over"). The old familiar harmonies were firmly intact, and Durham's bell-like tones were gloriously sure and stirring.

Her four costume changes and a series of individual showcases sent the value-for-money factor into overflow mode, and the resultant whole whipped a delirious audience into a frenzy of community singing and unbridled nostalgia. Niceness with knobs on, and absolutely nothing wrong with that.

ALAN JACKSON

MICHAEL POWELL



Judith Durham at the Albert Hall: gloriously sure and stirring

The big riff rules

Soundgarden
Brixton Academy

THERE is a theory that Nirvana did not so much usher in a new era in rock, as simply provide an acceptable face for heavy metal. Soundgarden are not the act to disabuse anyone of such an idea. The first of the Seattle guitar groups from the Sub Pop label to sign to a major record company and now, thanks to their fourth album, *Superunknown*, the latest to sail to the top of the American chart in Nirvana's wake, they are a band who know how to dish out a big riff.

Their two-hour set began with the hurtling roar of "Jesus Christ Pose", a thunderous melee of tom toms and yelled vocals with roughly the impact of a car crash. "Spoonman" was slower, but bigger still. Matt Cameron's war-drum motifs interlocking with a bass sound that could fell a tree, as scenes of abandoned mayhem unfolded among the densely packed ruck of bodies in front of the stage.

In terms of the brutal, guitar-driven dynamics of their songs, it is true that Soundgarden are as much in the old-fashioned heavy metal tradition as any of the superannuated bands — from Deep Purple to Van Halen — which the grunge revolution deposed. But the grunge aesthetic which informs Soundgarden's music simultaneously adds a darker twist and a brighter thrust to an otherwise familiar heavyweight formula.

This was never more evident than on "Black Hole Sun", the song in their set which came closest to marrying the bluntness of Black Sabbath to the brio of the Beatles. On this and other slow numbers like "Mailman" and the compelling "Fell On Black Days", they consistently found the swing in riffs which would have sounded leaden in the hands of lesser musicians.

Apart from the long-haired, barrel-chested guitarist Kim Thayil, they appeared surprisingly fit and clean cut, although in old jeans and T-shirts, unspectacular to look at. But then, it is not the promise of glamour or spectacle which underpins the appeal of Soundgarden, but the undeniable excitement of sheer monumental power.

To carry off such an effect, bands like this depend on creating an impression of invincibility: to falter is to fail. So it was unfortunate that the end of this gig, the last on their European tour, was marred by a series of incidents which punctured the band's armour-plated authority. Singer Chris Cornell's ill-judged invitation to a member of the audience to get up on stage and sing the National Anthem produced a predictably embarrassing result. Then they were forced to stop by a genuinely violent disturbance in the audience. While that was being attended to, Cornell's microphone suddenly disappeared into the crowd and the PA system relayed a succession of rowdy, laddish yells before it was recovered.

It was a ragged end to an otherwise superbly disciplined assault.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TELEVISION REVIEW

Thin look at a fatty subject

Dawn French wants to know one thing: why are fat women not photographed for their beauty? Why aren't they on the covers of magazines? As a good-looking person who is also fat, she sees skinny models trailing minks up catwalks and rails against the unfairness of it all. In the Aids charity show *Hysteria III*, she told Jennifer Saunders she'd landed a hush-hush new job and then mimed it, whistling, striding, left hand crooked artfully over shoulder. Jennifer couldn't guess. "Postman?" she shrugged.

Actually, serious railing about *unfairness to fat women is a bit* tricky when you're famous for comic sketches — the pony club girl, the ballerina — in which the *size of your bum is a major* component of the joke. If fat is already a complicated issue, the hilarity milked by French and Saunders from the roly-poly fat girl surely only adds to the confusion. But for last night's **South Bank Show** (ITV), the issue was made as simple as can be. Even the occasional presence of that eerie clockwork Camille Paglia barking crazy scattergun Freudianisms could not disguise the banality of Dawn French's underlying argument, *which was that fat women don't get* photographed for magazines, except in pastiches of Old Masters. And it just isn't *fair*.

To make this point in a rather roundabout way, Dawn duly posed for magazine reconstructions of *Old Masters, protesting to the* viewer all the while that it wasn't what she wanted. Meanwhile, other big women re-created famous lumbar shots from art history, displaying "celluloid" (in the unhappily mischosen word of the photographer) in a vaguely acceptable form. "The one of Dawn is great," said this tactless lensman after the shoot. "She looks really, really quite attractive, not that she isn't of course . . ."

If Margaret Kinmoth directed *the film for appearance rather than* depth, she had little choice. So she lingered tastefully on Dawn's makeup scenes and photo shoots, and confronted the viewer with sturdy, kneaded, goose-fatty flesh while metaphysical poetry was *read in voice-over. The idea, appar-*ently, was to celebrate bodies and dissociate fat from self-loathing, but the execution was paradoxically thin. However, the trite "In Rubens's day . . ." argument was nicely subverted, for once, with *French whispering the usual diet* conspiracy theories in monochrome close-up to a sullenly unimpressed Alison Moyet. "In Rubens's time," she began impatiently, and then stumbled. "When was that? The 1700s? 1300s? 1430, something like that?"

The programme questioned rather than answered, which was a shame, because the answers are *more interesting. The fashion edi*tor of *Tatler* seemed stumped by French's question about using bigger women to model white shirts, as though it were in another language, but if she were not so close to the business she would admit the obvious: that big women draw attention away from the clothes. The thinner you are, the less individuality you've got. *There's the conspiracy in a* nutshell.

And that was the trouble. To argue that models are unrepresentative of womankind is like complaining that *Schindler's List* has got the Holocaust in it. Models are *also young, disproportionately* leggy and devoid of moustaches, warts and leg hair. Dawn French is right: we don't see enough images of fat female beauty. But on the other hand, we don't see photographic images of female beauty *per se* in *any case. If I were her, I would stop* worrying about it. For one thing, the majority of people think Linda Evangelista is a religious festival in Spain.

LYNNE TRUSS

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

MEDARDO ROSSO: Last week to see this enlightening retrospective of the Italian turn-of-the-century sculptor. Unlike his contemporary Rodin, with whom he was often compared, Rosso was essentially a miniaturist whose work in wax enabled him to create fleeting effects of light reminiscent of the Impressionist painters. A show of some 40 sculptures and 30 drawings.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street E1 (071-377 0107). Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm (Wed to 8pm). 🅂

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Libor Pešek opens the programme tonight with a performance of Czech composer Suk's romantic *A Fairy Tale Suite* and Mozart's Piano Concerto No 25 in C, K503 (with Louis Lortie). The second half of the concert is devoted to Brahms's Symphony No 1 in C minor.
Barbican, Silk Street EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm. 🅂

BALDY HOPKINS: The acclaimed comic theatre company **The Right Size** presents its parable of ordinary neighbourly lives in extraordinary situations. A street in the middle of nowhere and a house like all the rest: five inhabitants, four flats, three dustbins and a manic landlord named Baldy.
Cochrane, Southampton Row WC1 (071-242 7040). Previews tonight; opens tomorrow. Then Mon-Sat. All performances, 8pm, until Apr 30. 🅂

THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN: This is also the last week for the Orange Tree's excellent revival of Henry Arthur Jones's daring comedy of 1894, in which a wife is prepared to commit adultery because her husband does.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 4pm. 🅂

ELSEWHERE

ABERDEEN: The long-established touring group **The BT Scottish Ensemble** presents a programme of something old and something new with Mozart's Piano Concerto K415 and Hindemith's Four Temperaments. Alfred Perl is the soloist.
Cowdray Hall, Schoolhill (0224 276276). Tonight, 7.30pm. 🅂

CARDIFF: The award-winning Shared Experience continues a national tour of its newest production, George Eliot's semi-autobiographical **Mill on the Floss**. Adapted by Helen Edmundson; Nancy Meckler and Polly Teale direct.
Sherman, Senghennydd Road (0222 230451). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Wed, 1pm. All seats £4.50 tonight. 🅂

DERBY: A self-confessed saviour of the craftsmanship of the swing era, guitarist **Howard Alden** has a quietly understated delivery and an encyclopaedic repertoire stretching from Thelonious Monk to Bud Freeman and Jelly Roll Morton. Beginning of a national tour.
Pymms Champagne Bar, Friargate 🅂 (0332 332415). Tonight, 8pm. Plus London, Pizza Express, Dean Street (071-439 8722) on Wed and next Sun.

NOTTINGHAM: Last week of performances for Christopher Timothy and Josie Lawrence in Shaw's **Pygmalion**. A pared-down production with an oddly spartan set but Lawrence's Eliza is at times perfectly hilarious. Pip Broughton's final production here.
Playhouse, Wellington Circus (0602 419419). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

SHEFFIELD: Michael Palin's new comedy **The Weekend** arrives here for its last week of touring before a West End season. Richard Wilson is the irascible, long-suffering father whose home is besieged by his daughter, her family and various hangers-on, not to mention the dog. Angela Thorne is cast equally well as Wilson's long-suffering wife.
Lyceum Theatre, Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm. 🅂

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum:** The Study of Italian Old Master Drawings (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall:** The Thirties, Anxiety and Escapism (071-928 3002) ... **Hayward:** Salvador Dalí/Unbound (071-928 3144) **National Portrait Gallery:** Annie Liebovitz (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery:** Zurbarán: Jacob and his Twelve Sons (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts:** Goya (071-439 7438) **Serpentine:** Markus Raetz (071-402 6075) ... **Tate:** Picasso (071-887 8008) **V & A:** Brass Inlaid Furniture (938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
🅂 Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ **BEAUTIFUL THING:** Young love, gay and straight, on a Thamesmead estate. Last year's production transfers from the Bush after a national tour.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Final week.

🅂 **DEAD FUNNY**: Terry Johnson's complex (perhaps too much so) web of connections between sexually arrested comics and their admirers. With Zoë Wanamaker and David Haig.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ **GHOST FROM A PERFECT PLACE**: Philip Ridley's latest, set in today's East End. John Wood plays a Sixties gangleader returning to a very different world.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. 🅂

■ **GHOSTS:** Katie Mitchell's powerful production from last year's Stratford. Jane Lapotaire, Simon Russell Beale and John Carlisle head the cast.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; mat Sat 2pm. 🅂

■ **HATED NIGHTFALL**: The Wrestling School arrive in London with Ian McDiarmid in Howard Barker's version of the last days of the Romanovs.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until May 7.

□ **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN**: Rough Magic celebrate their tenth year by bringing this award-winning Wilde production over from Dublin. The sexual politics are said to be translated for today with a sprinkling of cross-dressing.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High St, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Apr 27 and May 4: 2pm; Sat, 4pm. 🅂

□ **HOT SHOE SHUFFLE**: Hit Australian musical about seven tap dancing brothers and their tangle-footed sister. Exuberantly done and very slick, with lots of Big Band music.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

🅂 **LES PARENTS TERRIBLES**: Sean Mathias directs a splendid cast for Cocteau's drama of stifling family love. Sheila Gish, Frances de la Tour and Alan Howard play the older generation, Lynsey Baxter and Jude Law the young ones.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Previews, 7.30pm. Opens Thurs, 7pm. 🅂

🅂 **LORCA, AN EVOCATION:** A fusion of words, song and dance in celebration of one of this century's greatest poet dramatists, from Trader Faulkner and his company.
Lilian Baylis, Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Final week. 🅂

🅂 **A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY:** Helen Mirren and John Hurt head a great cast for Turgenev's classic of love, jealousy and self-deception.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

□ **ROPE**: Keith Baxter's look at Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller: two young men kill to show how clever they are. Too much creaky melodrama, although Anthony Head's Cadell is the saving grace of the evening.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD**: Reopened with Betty Buckley and John Barrowman and new material brought in from the Los Angeles production.
Adelphi, Strand WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 🅂

□ **TRAVESTIES**: Stoppard's dazzler, starring Antony Sher as the Consul playing fast and loose with memory.
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

FEARLESS (15): Strange, powerful tale of air crash survivors, with fearless Jeff Bridges and grief-stricken Rosie Perez. Isabella Rossellini plays Bridges wife. Director, Peter Weir.
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◆ **STRIKING DISTANCE** (18): Lukewarm vehicle for Bruce Willis, an ex-detective now patrolling Pittsburgh's rivers. With Sarah Jessica Parker; director, Rowdy Herrington.
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WHITE ANGEL (15): Awkward first feature from Chris Jones about serial killings in London suburbia. With Peter Firth and Harriet Robinson.
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WIDOWS' PEAK (PG): Pale, unwanted comedy-mystery set in Ireland, with Mia Farrow, Joan Plowright and Natasha Richardson. Director, John Irvin.
Odeons: Kensington (0426-914666) **West End** (0426-915574)

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AND THE BAND PLAYED ON (12): Worthy, star-studded chronicle of the Aids epidemic, in need of a tighter focus. With Matthew Modine, Alan Alda and Ian McKellen. Director, Roger Spottiswoode.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

◆ **BACKBEAT** (15): Bouncy, toe-tapping story of the fifth Beatle, Stuart Sutcliffe. With Stephen Dorff, Sheryl Lee and Ian Hart. Director, Iain Softley.
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◆ **THE PELICAN BRIEF** (12): Law student Julia Roberts is trailed by hired killers and the FBI. Sleek, fatuous version of John Grisham's novel, co-starring Denzel Washington. Director, Alan J. Pakula.
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GRIEF: Behind-the-scenes troubles of a tacky TV show. Modest, amusing gay comedy from new director Richard Glatzer. With Craig Chester and Alexis Arquette.
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◆ **SCHINDLER'S LIST** (15): German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley.
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◆ **SHADOWLANDS** (U): Skilful rendition of William Nicholson's play about C.S. Lewis's emotional awakening. With Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger; Richard Attenborough directs.
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◆ **SISTER ACT 2: BACK IN THE HABIT** (PG): Whoopi Goldberg returns to the wimple. Unwise, dawdling, preachy sequel to a one-off hit. Director, Bill Duke.
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OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** on a singularly inappropriate target for the Hecklers' catcalling

Perfect model of modernity

Gawain
Covent Garden

THE great mystery is why anyone should have thought Birtwistle's three-year-old opera the suitable target for a demonstration against nasty modern music. It is the nicest modern music imaginable, almost easy-listening by the standards of contemporary composition, and every bar of it totally absorbing.

Birtwistle uses the basic materials of Western music — rhythm, melody — to almost entirely conventional effect, and his manipulation of traditional tonality is scarcely more radical than Strauss's in the Klytemnestra scene in *Elektra* (dating from 1909), and far surpasses it in dramatic tension. Is a whole century of music to be written off at the behest of louts?

Or rather, as it turned out, just one lout, as far as the stalls area was concerned: the pathetic nonentity booing *mezzo forte* was annihilated not just by the lusty cheering of the rest of the audience, but by Lord Gowrie, chairman of the Arts Council, standing a few seats away and bravo-ing his lungs out. This was the single most encouraging sign the operatic world has seen for many a year.

A far more interesting talking-point was the revisions Birtwistle has made since the work was new. It is now shorter by about 25 minutes. This is not just a matter of cuts: he has recomposed the "Turning of the Seasons" in the first-act finale, and made a tactful snip in the corresponding section of the second act. Whether, as admirers of the work feared, this has damaged its faultlessly balanced structure is a matter of debate; I certainly miss the full splendour of the Seasons, but will leave it to managements a century hence — when *Gawain* will still be hailed as the masterpiece it undoubtedly is — to decide which version to revive.

More controversial is the use of surtitles. There are three or four short passages where Birtwistle's writing for high soprano voice means that it is virtually impossible to sing the text clearly; that he should have declined to revise them is odd, since everyone else manages to get David Harsent's libretto across effortlessly. Reproducing it in type above the proscenium is pointless.

No new opera can have enjoyed a more helpful premiere production than Di Trevis's, and Alison Chitty's decor looks scrumptiously beautiful. The Green Knight picking up his severed head, still singing, and trotting off with it on his generously caparisoned charger remains one of the London theatre's most stunning effects.

As before, François le Roux in the title role and John Tomlinson as his adversary sing extraordinarily expressively, and the one new member of the cast, Anne Howells as Lady de Hautdesert, is a definite plus, exerting a physical and vocal spell of dangerous voluptuousness.

Elgar Howarth's conducting, so calm yet so passionate, is beyond praise. With luck, the bizarre publicity surrounding the first night will guarantee even fuller houses for the rest of the run. Talk about back-firing ...

DONALD COOPER



The dramatic arrival of the Green Knight (John Tomlinson) in *Gawain*

Puccini's neglected bird still has wings

La rondine
Grand Theatre, Leeds

OPERA North has uncaged a rare bird in *La rondine (The Swallow)*. Puccini composed it during the First World War and saw it grudgingly treated after its premiere in Monte Carlo. Too slight, too short, too sweet were among the complaints thrown at it later. Ricordi, his own publisher, was partly responsible for *La rondine* being dubbed "Puccini's operetta", accusing the composer of falling under the spell of Lehár in Vienna.

Managements have remained dubious. The last London production I recall was a tinselly affair at Sadler's Wells almost 25 years ago, with June Bronhill as Magda, the courtesan who experiences the pleasures and pains of taking a toyboy.

At Leeds Francesca Zambello's staging — colourful and crammed with insight — takes a far more serious line. Act I is pure *Traviata*: a dark Second Empire salon peopled with Magda's slightly louche crowd of whom her protector Rambaldo (a good, grave performance by Peter Savidge) is the most solid citizen. Zambello centres her production on Magda's sudden whim to throw off her claustrophobic life and take a walk in the sun.

This she does by making an impromptu visit to Bullier's restaurant. *Traviata* becomes *Bohème*, as young lovers eat and dance to some delectable Puccini waltzes. Magda picks up Ruggero, whom she had previously ignored in her salon, and off they go together. The act is brilliantly set, by Bruno Schwengl, as an open space for pure enjoyment, and equally brightly choreographed by Alphonse Poulin.

The brief third act, in which the idyll turns sour, is the problem one. Opera North turn to one of the alternative endings Puccini wrote in which Ruggero walks out on Magda after learning of her sinful past. And so Magda, the swallow, is forced to retreat from the sunlight and return to Paris. Tougher swallows emigrate.

Once a little acid had cleared from her voice Helen Field became a glorious Magda. The final scene, as she realises that her tryst will last no longer than that of Violetta and Alfredo, carries great poignancy. Lisette, her maid/companion, is given a sharply contrasting and mercifully unsaucy performance by Anna Maria Panzarella.

Zambello's sympathies are all with Magda. On occasion, she treats her two tenors as a couple of Charlies. Indeed, Tito Beltran, making his British stage debut as Ruggero, even looks like a Charlie — Chaplin — with his toothbrush moustache and shock of curly black hair. But once he stopped being puppyish his tenor showed real Puccinian sheen, especially in the love duet.

The poet Prunier, Lisette's admirer, is a less romantic figure. Peter Bronder, in a white suit with gold buttons, was Charlie Drake on safari. But fortunately he too is a polished Puccinian and it is Prunier who begins the score's most famous number, "Doretta's Dream", before Magda takes it up. David Lloyd-Jones conducted with verve and affection. *The Swallow* will make the summer, as it goes out on tour in the north between now and the end of June. Catch it on the wing.

JOHN HIGGINS

CONCERT: Blomstedt a conductor of heat

Masters well served

LPO/Blomstedt
Festival Hall

KLAUS Tennstedt is still resting after recent hip operations, so his deputy in the London Philharmonic Orchestra's concert on Thursday was Herbert Blomstedt, known chiefly through his work with the San Francisco Symphony. Word was around that this was actually the first time Blomstedt had conducted a British orchestra; if so a serious omission has been made good.

Visually at least, Blomstedt's style belongs to the awkward and gangly school. A lot of energy is expended but, unlike that of Franz Welser-Möst (flattering reviews of whose conducting in the LPO's recent European tour were pointedly paraded in the programme book), Blomstedt's physical expression of the music's spirit in Beethoven's Seventh Symphony was never self-serving. The difference between the two is something like that between Bernstein and Karajan.

The orchestra was on its normal splendid form. The timpanist Russell Jordan, rightly using hard-headed sticks, helped considerably in renewing the dionysian energy of the finale, although elsewhere in this movement — such as the sequence of octaves where long notes delay the music's progress — Blomstedt could have coiled the spring tighter, enabling an even more effective explosion of energy. Occasionally there was a sense of scrambling in the faster movements, although Blomstedt relished the swayings and lurchings of the Scherzo to the full.

But the sound was at its most alluring in the beautifully balanced Allegretto, with its lovely string textures, and in the slow introduction to the whole symphony, where the orchestra's woodwind section baldly laid down its impressive credentials with playing of rare blend and beauty.

This performance was one of affection rather than heroism, but also one of risk (the first horn missed a rather crucial note at the end) rather than safety. Both choices were the right ones.

Before the symphony Kyung-Wha Chung, who won the hearts of audience and orchestra by kicking off her shoes some way through the first movement, delivered a reading both beautiful and lucid of Brahms's Violin Concerto. Should this concerto really sound this perfect?

In the slow movement, where Kyung-Wha's polished tone and perfectly judged phrasing were both fully matched by Ian Hardwick's glorious solo oboe (and he justly got a flower from the soloist's bouquet as his reward), the answer is surely yes. But elsewhere her confidence and accuracy, together with that sweet, strong sound, seemed to take the edge off the challenge.

Sometimes drinking the local rough wine is more rewarding than sipping a fine vintage; the finale of the Brahms concerto is surely such an instance. But at least Blomstedt kept us on our toes, even if not always matching perfectly the niceties of the violinist's every whim.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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Making of a Teflon president

Michael Arditti on a quest for clues to the origins of Reaganism in 1940s Hollywood

Ronald Reagan was not the first actor to determine his country's fate — that role had already been played by John Wilkes Booth — but he was the first to have his finger on the button rather than a gun. Now, in an age when political and showbusiness values are increasingly interchangeable, Stephen Vaughn offers a salutary analysis of the forces that shaped Reagan the actor, president and myth.

Reagan's world-view has always been schematic. As a boy, he asked his family and friends to call him Dutch because it sounded more masculine than Ronald. He later remembered his childhood reading as favouring heroes who "lived by standards of morality and fair play" and declared of a high school appearance in Shaw's Captain Applejack that "I learned that heroes are more fun".

His heroic bent was given ample scope when, after a stint as a radio announcer, he was put under contract by Warner Brothers, the most socially conscious of the Hollywood studios. Harry and Jack Warner were Roosevelt New Deal Democrats, a political stance that chimed with the actor's own. As Polish-Jewish immigrants, they were acutely sensitive to the threat posed by Hitler and used their films to mobilise public opinion in favour of military intervention in Europe.

RONALD REAGAN IN HOLLYWOOD
By Stephen Vaughn
Cambridge University Press, £19.95

Reagan's early screen persona thus emerged in a series of films that dramatised social problems, dealt with crime and examined issues of war and peace. He frequently played idealistic, crusading men fighting for justice and American values.

He later extended the image to crime-fighting, when he made four secret service movies which consciously retreated from the romanticism of the earlier Warner gangster movies and extolled the law enforcement agencies.

In the late 1930s and early war years, his numerous appearances in uniform caused him to become closely associated with military virtues. Vaughn writes that, "by the end of the war, no 20th-century president with the exception of Dwight D. Eisenhower had been seen in uniform by more people". This, later, compensated for an undistinguished war service spent in California, performing such tasks as showing recruits around the studios.

Before the war, Reagan's political views were such that he later characterised himself as a "hopeless, haemophiliac liberal"; after it, his bleeding heart hardened. Vaughn carefully charts the growing anti-Communism which he demonstrated in various Hollywood organisations, notably his power-base of the Screen Actors Guild.

It was a time of considerable labour unrest and Reagan was himself threatened with disfigurement for urging members of the Guild to cross union picket lines. It was then that he became disillusioned with what he described as the "seamy side" of liberalism. And yet he became associated with the even seamier side of reaction through his involvement with the House Committee on Un-American Activities, before which he appeared as a friendly witness. His stance was ambiguous, if not downright deceitful; for, while publicly urging moderation and questioning the blacklist, FBI files show that throughout this period he was secretly feeding them names.

His Hollywood fortunes slumped rapidly after the war, although they were soon to recover on a wider screen. His association with Warners reached its nadir in *That Hagen Girl* (1947), in which, much to his distress, he and the teenage Shirley Temple played lovers, while his marriage to Jane Wyman broke up in 1948. Vaughn ends his book in 1952, the year in which Reagan left Warners and married the young starlet, Nancy Davis.

It is Vaughn's thesis that it was while filming at Warners and serving on various industry committees that Reagan became an accomplished politician and public speaker. His activities brought him into contact with government leaders and powerful figures throughout the nation. Moreover, he recognised the power of film and entertainment as a propagandist medium and, through his friendship with gossip columnists such as Louella Parsons, learnt the power of public relations.

Rather more contentious are Vaughn's speculations on Reagan's contributions to the politics of his films. At a time when Warners placed their top female star, Bette Davis, on suspension for refusing to accede to studio demands and ordered their top male star, Errol Flynn, to return to America after the Hearst press accused him of travelling to Spain as a Communist sympathiser, it is highly unlikely that the contribution of a B-movie actor amounted to any more than occasional rewrites of inadequate dialogue.

And, while it may have been Reagan's role in the 1940 movie *Murder in the Air*, in which as a secret service agent he battled for humanity against a fiendish death ray gun, that encouraged him to endorse the Strategic Defence Initiative, just as it may have been his involvement in dubious historical films such as *Santa Fe Trail* that led him to place dramatic impact above factual accuracy, there is no documentary or even anecdotal proof in either case.

Vaughn's concentration on the minutiae of Reagan's work in Hollywood at times makes the book read like an appendix. Though admirably free of the usual fanzine gush, it is hard to accept his underlying contention that it was Reagan's movie image in the 1930s and 1940s which created his presidential one 30 years later. Ultimately, the book is too introverted and lacks independent witnesses.



Ronald Reagan, wearing yet another uniform, in the B-movie *Hellcats of the Navy* (1957), with Nancy Davis, his second wife

Playing God in Africa

There is nothing predictable about a woman who calls herself Lionel and appears on the dust jacket of her fourth book draped in a large African snake. Indeed Lionel Shriver's approach is altogether unorthodox. Set in Kenya, *Game Control* explores the politics of population control, and the implications of both aid and Aids. But this is a novel only in the loosest possible sense.

Shriver uses fiction to explore controversy; her characters mapping out positions in an argument. The plot is interesting, but less so than her manipulation of it.

The *game* of the title is not recreational, for this is a book about elephants and human beings. The question of control is one of conservation, and how best to ensure the survival of a species when the growth of its population threatens its existence. If, in the first instance, culling can be used as a way of preserving the elephant, why can the same method not be applied to human beings? In both cases Shriver concerns herself with the ultimate threat of extinction. And in each asks why the individual cannot be sacrificed for the greater good.

Tanya Sillem

GAME CONTROL
By Lionel Shriver
Faber, £14.99

Shriver investigates the conundrum through a cast of aid workers and expatriates. The protagonist is a psychopathic demographer called Calvin, who is haunted by the poltergeist of his ex-lover, a black woman mercenary called Panga. His partner, Eleanor, distributes condoms and supplies of daily contraceptive pills to women who consume them all at once. She always gives money to beggars.

They have a personal stake in the survival of humanity, but differ drastically on how to go about it. If Eleanor is childless and charitable, Calvin is celibate but sceptical. "Why are we trying to reduce infant mortality," he asks, "when it is precisely our drastic reduction of the death rate that created uncontrolled population growth in the first place?" Calvin advocates genocide, which he distinguishes from eugenics as the problem not of "quality but quantity".

Shriver steers her plot through some truly outrageous argument. But her work is all the more valuable for its flagrant defiance of political correctness. Though the story she tells is ultimately unconvincing, the controversy that consumes it is compelling.

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Russia and her sons

Compared with Tolstoy, Dostoevsky and even Turgenev, Pushkin has always been a minority taste among British readers of Russian literature. His Russia is not one of religious torments, of peasant grind, nor one of provincial boredom and the clash of ideological generations. He is not a thinker, nor does he pretend to moral status as a writer. His manner is light and his subject is lightness, even emptiness. His aristocratic impulse is both lazy and playful, like Mozart's, and conciliatory. Pushkin is everybody's chap. "Hi, I'm Pushkin!" he cries, coming into the party, and everyone is pleased to see him. His artistry is such that if he's going to catch the fleeting moment, he'll do so propped up half-asleep in bed, scribbling carelessly. No Faust he. His aim is to shake hands with fate.

Lesley Chamberlain

STROLLS WITH PUSHKIN
By Abram Tertz
Yale University Press, £17.99
FATHERS AND SONS
By Ivan Turgenev
Norton, £20
A DRY SHIP TO THE MOUNTAINS
By Daniel Farson
Michael Joseph, £15.99

When Andrei Sinyavsky, writing under the pseudonym Abram Tertz, created this piece of so-called "fantastic criticism", elaborating themes from Pushkin in an original, whimsical and allusive language, it was 1966 and he was serving five years hard labour for *publishing his anti*-Soviet literary views abroad. *Strolls with Pushkin* first appeared in Russian abroad in 1975, after Sinyavsky was released and left for France.

It has now been translated into English by Catherine Theimer Nepomnyashchy and Slava I. Yastremski. This "attack" on their revered Pushkin caused a furore in émigré circles. Tertz wrote: "Pushkin ran into high poetry on thin erotic legs and created a commotion." His terribly literal immediate audience failed to understand the metaphor. Surely as a sportsman Pushkin had strong legs, they replied.

In 1989, when the new openness allowed *Strolls* to be published in Russia, the broad reaction against perceived iconoclasm was even more fierce. (No wonder Sinyavsky, who now teaches at the Sorbonne, has kept the pseudonym Tertz to assert his continuing differentness as a critic.) He was compared to Salman Rushdie, though his opponents stopped short of invoking a Russian fatwah.

No need to wait for the dust to settle. This is a marvellous essay, essential reading for all lovers and students of Pushkin as an intimate encounter with a genius lost in translation. Now liberated from his absurdly serious national image, here is the poet "who needed the pretence of idleness to free his tongue", and whose love of idle chatter spilled over into that charmingly irreverent form, the novel in verse, *Eugene Onegin*. All that remains is to consider the "deep" reasons why such an unlikely candidate became the Soviet literary divinity.

Read any two Russian books in succession and you can hardly escape the dense network of references, echoes and allusions. Join the dots and you have the literary country, as it has long existed beside the fractured and tempestuous political entity. Moreover, that literary country seems genuinely timeless. Turgenev's 1861 masterpiece *Fathers and Sons* contains the essence of the struggle between old and new men which culminated in the Bolshevik Revolution.

Today, Russia is in the mood to ask: "How did we let it happen?" Turgenev, with his radical protagonist Bazarov, is as good a source of light as any. Bazarov dismisses the gentle, idealistic lives of previous generations. He says explicitly, in a reference Sinyavsky may well have noted, that he does not care to stroll without purpose. He mocks the old man for allowing Pushkin to encourage their dreams, and famously describes humans as frogs with two legs.

But then he himself succumbs to love, meeting his fate in a way which would have delighted Pushkin. In the past Turgenev in English has seemed more sentimental and less ironic and gracefully self-assured than he should be. Now Michael Katz has better captured the tone and modernised the diction of a novel which is great, moving and as good a read today as it ever was.

Russian life can look so bare on the surface, yet just beneath is this literary and ideological iceberg, the culture which in extremis retreats entirely from sight. Daniel Farson on his genial 1991 journey down the Volga and into the Caucasus stumbles on this boulder as an outsider and mostly sees only the uncivilised top layer. Telling us he is hardly in a physical condition to follow in his intrepid diplomat and explorer father's footsteps over the Khlukhor pass, he assumes the modest role of hack abroad but delivers a moving testament to a father from a son. His tale is fraught with real physical effort and adventure, graced by good friendships and very well worth looking out for.

Sigmund's stirring dreams

Philip Howard

EATING PAVLOVA
By D.M. Thomas
Bloomsbury, £15.99

EVER since *The White Hotel*, which nearly won the Booker Prize in 1981, what you expect from a D.M. Thomas novel is something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue. Also something poetic about the human psyche and something sadistic about women and sex.

The old bit here is most of the first chapter, which originally appeared as chapter 11 of *Lying Together* (1990), in which it was related during a shamanistic trance by a Soviet poet. Thomas has borrowed bits and pieces from the life and letters of Freud, and turned them into something new, powerfully erotic and unmistakeably Thomasine.

In 1938 Sigmund Freud was able to leave Vienna for London. With his wife Martha, youngest daughter Anna, and sister-in-law (and, according to Jung, former lover) Minna Bernays, he lived first at Primrose Hill and then at Maresfield Gardens, Hampstead. There he died on September 23, 1939. Anna Freud, whose special gift lay in the psychoanalysis of children, lived on and worked in the house (now the Freud Museum) until her death in 1982.

This novel plays his deathdream as he lies waiting to die of mouth cancer, as the sirens wail and the Second World War breaks out. That old dyad of sex and death rule. Daughter Anna in her 40s plays mother, daughter, Antigone, Elektra, Psyche, Pavlova, and all the other roles that Freud has analysed and pseudo-analysed. She has sacrificed so much of her life and identity to Daddy that so long as she lives, he will not die.

Dreams are tricky stuff, as Freud showed. Freud's own dreams are even trickier than others, and emerge sometimes as Daliesque runny Freud eggs. Dali himself and Hitler float through them, and a green snake crawls up Darwin's trouser leg, symbolising something not very nice. The dreams occur not merely in the past, where there is censorship by the unconscious, but also in the future, so that they blink at the Holocaust, Hiroshima and Vietnam.



Dali's 1938 sketches of Freud, from *The Paintings of Salvador Dali* (Taschen, £49.99)

They are not upon oath, as anybody who knows the biography can tell. As Freud showed, anybody's life is stranger and more ambiguous than a straight record of events. These memories are full of lies, half-truths, economies with what Alan Clark mistakenly calls the *actualité* and other psychic defences such as Jewish jokes. But Freud himself knew that better than anyone. His life is played back on fuzzy rewind and fast forward, full of eternal triangles and other polygons, embracing the wife who never showed the slightest interest in his work and all the other clever and neurotic women he understood, or flattered by claiming to understand, and lusted for. Down in the Oedipal forest something stirred, and it was usually something from Venusberg.

FREUD tried to make his life appear orderly and rational, and other people's lives appear explicable. From Thomas's account of his deathdream, Freud emerges as someone who was wildly irrational, wanting everyone to be drunk on sex and poetry and fabulous internal drama. Every man an Oedipus, and every woman an Elektra. He may have been part pseud, like everyone who has ever lived. Whatever you think of him, Freud has had as much influence on our troubled century as Marx and Einstein.

Like every other analysis, this book gives a provisional reading and only part of the truth. Thomas's exploration of the fictions and factions of an extraordinary life has as many layers as an onion. His daughter wrote: "I dream, as I have often done, that he is here again. The main role is played not by my longing for him but rather by his longing for me. In the first dream of this kind he openly said: 'I have always longed for you so'."

Some will find this Freudian vision distasteful. It is in parts historical bunkum. Its analysis of Freud is as provisional and open-ended and wrong as all psychoanalysis. Out of the crooked DIY shop of the human id and ego, no straight carpentry ever came. But, as Freud discovered, fascinating and influential and entertaining matter can grow out of it, even if it is sometimes fiction.

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170.20	Marshalls	140	+9	...	3.6	...
60.50	Maunders (J)	243 †	+2	...	2.7	23.4
152.60	McAlpine (A)	270 †	+2	...	3.0	35.5
61.90	McCarthy & S	63 †	+3	...	1.0	...
609.20	Meyer Int	485	...	...	2.6	48.6
184.20	Mowlem (J)	105½	+4½	...	2.4	...
42.50	NSM	248	+7	...	...	...
6.76	Needler▲	36	...	...	...	...
199.30	Newman Tnks	165 †	-1½	6.2	4.7	∞
335.50	Persimmon	288 ‡	+3	...	3.9	25.8
5.56	Phoenix Timber	18	...	...	...	...
15.10	Pochins	1450	-50	29.0	2.5	20.6
138.00	Prowting	178	+1	3.4	2.4	...
1,920.80	RMC Gp	975	+39	...	2.7	28.0
161.60	Raine Ind	87 †	-2	...	2.9	18.9
7.20	Rasmus▲	14	...	...	...	...
2,838.00	Redland	550 †	+6½	...	5.7	33.2
12.30	Roskel	81 †	...	4.3	6.6	...
923.30	Rugby Group	315 †	+15	6.7	2.7	∞
9.87	Sreld-Rvce▲	63	+13	0.5	1.0	∞
32.60	Sharpe & Fisher	158 †	+¼	...	3.3	∞
196.00	Sheffield Insl	260 †	-7	...	2.6	20.9
28.20	Sherfif Hldgs▲	269	...	...	1.7	25.6
3.55	Shorco▲	114	+6	5.2	5.8	∞
22.00	Smart (J)	218	...	...	4.0	16.4
11.80	Starmin	3½	...	...	...	...
1,634.00	Tarmac	178	-1	5.5	3.9	...
62.50	Tay Homes	214 †	+2	...	3.5	23.0
717.00	Taylor Woodrw	171½	+10½	1.5	1.1	∞
236.60	Tilbury Dougls	700	-5	33.0	6.1	∞
5.34	Torex Hire▲	52	...	...	1.4	...
320.90	Travis Perkins	314 †	+¼	...	3.2	25.4
20.80	Trencherwood	25	+2	...	...	...
18.00	Try Group	26 †	+¼	...	4.9	∞
2.73	Tudor▲	25	-1	...	1.3	...
43.20	Vibroplant	94	+4	2.5	3.3	33.8
35.70	Ward Hldgs	68	+2	...	...	...
1.00	Waterhouse	40	...	...	...	...
106.10	Watts Blake	510	-27	12.0	3.0	∞
127.70	Westbury	192	...	5.0	3.3	30.0
29.00	Wiggins	6¼	+1¼	...	...	...
460.00	Wilson Bowdn	493	-3	...	2.4	18.3
380.60	Wilson (C)	300	+4	4.1	2.6	∞
710.50	Wimpey G	197 †	+13	...	3.3	29.4
3.57	YRM	27	+2	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
920.60	ADT	663	-27	...	...	...
18.50	Adam & Harvey	433	...	13.0	3.8	7.9
6.92	Air London▲	78	-4	3.5	5.6	13.9
3.53	African Lakes	54	...	0.5	1.2	∞
132.50	Anto Sec	113	+3	...	6.7	∞
1,153.70	BET Ord	127¼	+3½	...	2.3	5.0
34.70	BNB Res	163 †	-5½	4.9	3.8	∞
50.80	BPP	193 †	+3	...	5.7	14.1
46.60	BSM	167	+3	...	4.3	14.2
34.90	Barbour Index	210	+5	8.1	4.9	14.3
6.47	Black & Edge▲	1½	...	...	...	...
12.50	Boustead	19	+2	0.7	4.6	...
45.90	Brit Data Mgt	189 †	+14	4.9	3.2	13.8
4.30	Broadcastle▲	27 †	...	1.0	4.6	∞
8.43	Brooks Service	90	+1	1.3	2.7	∞
55.60	CRT Gp	104 †	...	...	3.5	18.8
111.50	Capita Group	228 †	+3	2.5	1.4	∞
48.00	Cedar Plc	51	+2½	...	2.2	19.6
22.30	Chiltern Capital	24	-¼	...	...	...
16.60	Christie	71	-4	...	...	...
1,034.10	Chubb Sec	370	...	...	1.8	23.0
44.20	Comse	121	...	...	1.6	31.2
20.30	Corp Services	54	+5	0.2	0.6	∞
23.30	Coutts Cnsltg	93	...	...	...	...
24.80	Darr	162	+19	3.3	2.5	22.0
245.50	Davis Service	340	...	...	4.2	10.6
24.00	EW Facts▲	132 †	-2	4.7	4.5	∞
27.40	Gardiner	25½	...	...	...	...
1,195.50	Hays	286	+8	...	3.6	11.4
179.20	Hogg Robinsn	250	+4	...	2.4	22.7
14.10	Holmes Protectn	32	...	...	3.3	18.9
16,321.00	Hutch Whamp	286	+2½	...	1.7	23.6
612.40	ISS B Dkr	2359¼	-68¼	...	0.9	13.2
2,961.40	Inchcape	583 †	+37	...	3.3	19.3
192.70	Johnson Clean	978 †	...	27.0	3.5	∞
30.70	Lep	5½	-½	...	...	...
41.20	Mitie Gp	355	...	4.0	1.4	24.5
999.50	Manpower	1290¼	...	...	...	...
40.00	Michael Page	77	...	2.1	3.5	∞
5.26	Pentra▲	109	...	1.0	0.2	4.1
1.75	Prime People▲	3½	-¼	...	...	...
56.80	Prosdinot	71 †	...	...	6.3	...
41.10	RCO	385	...	15.2	4.9	13.0
8.90	REA	110	...	2.0	2.3	...
62.50	Reed Executive	122	...	...	...	...
25.40	Reliance Secs▲	113	+3	4.5	3.0	29.6
2,310.80	Rentokil	237 †	+7	2.8	1.5	∞
18.90	Rolfe & Nolan	308	...	...	3.0	21.1
758.50	Salvesen (C)	262	+6	...	3.8	17.4
5.63	Scott Pickford▲	48	...	0.8	2.1	15.3
28.00	Select App▲	13	...	...	...	...
179.10	Serco Gp	303 ‡	+18	...	1.4	∞
4.70	Sherwd Cmps▲	77	-2	...	11.4	2.3
71.50	Sketchley	123	+8	...	3.0	28.1
79.40	Warner Howrd	335	...	6.6	2.5	17.5
7.37	Wetpac	26	+1	...	...	...
47.30	Wills Gp	27	...	...	1.9	18.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
692.70	Allied Colloids	263	+2	...	2.1	24.2
600.90	Amersham	1045	+1	...	1.7	30.1
29.90	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
7,412.50	BASF DM	£129¾	-181¼	...	3.5	...
450.20	BTP	335	+4	...	3.5	24.9
10,420.20	Bayer DM50	£155¾	-40¼	...	2.2	...
61.40	Blagden	132	+14	1.5	1.4	14.2
83.00	Brent Chems	123 †	+6½	...	4.1	...
163.50	Br Bio-Tech	458 †	+8½	...	...	...
4.15	Cairil Gp	7½	+2½	...	...	20.1
51.80	Canning (W)	183	+8	7.2	5.1	∞
2,182.90	Courtaulds	543	+14	...	3.3	13.6
468.50	Croda	356 †	-3½	...	2.9	17.4
13.50	Doefler	127 †	+2	4.6	4.5	∞
212.20	Ellis & Everard	255	+8	...	3.6	21.4
13.70	Euro Colour	45½	+4½	0.8	2.4	21.8
101.30	Halstead (J)	340 †	+1½	...	2.5	15.9
387.10	Hickson	223 †	+16½	...	4.5	21.5
7,990.80	Hoechst	£135¼	-43¼	...	2.7	...
206.00	Holliday Chem	200 ‡	+3	...	2.5	∞
3,957.50	ICI	824 †	+9	...	4.2	66.6
1,490.30	Laporte	770 †	+13	...	3.3	21.1
127.80	Leigh	200	-6	...	4.9	17.6
16.10	MTM	62	-1	...	...	...
4,448.50	Norsk Hydro	2365¼	+71¼	...	1.5	∞
135.20	Paterson Zoch	553 †	-1	...	2.9	14.6
120.30	-do- 'A'	523 †	-1	...	3.0	13.8
109.20	Plysu	230	...	...	3.8	18.6
52.40	Porvair	340	+3	...	1.5	25.5
33.80	Sutcliffe Speak	60	...	...	...	...
106.60	Wardle Storeys	428	-2	...	5.1	22.2
48.70	Wlscnhlme R	658 †	...	18.0	3.4	∞
194.20	Yorks Chem	425	+1	...	2.4	20.1
318.10	Yule Catto	320	+17	6.2	2.5	∞
6,719.00	Zeneca	711 †	-18	...	4.8	14.3

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34.10	Alexon	42	-2	...	...	...
232.90	Alders	226	+1	...	3.4	16.8
1,061.70	Argos Plc	357 †	+13	...	2.8	∞
9.15	Ashley Group	6¼	...	...	3.4	...
180.70	Ashley (Laura)	79½	-3½	0.1	0.2	∞
256.20	Aspey	321	+6	5.2	2.0	20.7
54.30	Austin Reed	177	...	...	1.8	...
68.00	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	...	5.2	14.7
34.50	Bensalls	130	...	1.9	1.8	...
130.70	Betterware	127½	-7½	...	2.1	15.3
13.00	Blacks Leis	41	+1	2.2	6.9	...
418.70	Body Shop	222	-2	...	1.0	28.6
33.60	Brown & Jackson	5¼	+2½	...	...	...
338.00	Brown (N)	463	+7	...	2.0	27.2
773.90	Burton	55	-1	...	4.5	...
28.70	Canton	190	-3	...	2.6	26.5
42.70	Church	395 †	...	...	4.1	22.7
26.30	Clinton Cards	155 †	-1	4.7	3.8	∞
1,728.60	Coats Viyella	248 †	+11	...	4.0	19.0
13.60	Colourvision▲	67	-1	5.6	10.4	12.0
30.50	Cty Casuals	159	...	...	3.2	14.8
206.50	Courts Furnish	843	...	5.6	0.8	10.6
2.88	Crown Eyes	180	...	7.5	5.2	12.5
1,677.10	Dairy Farm Intl	101	-2	...	3.8	∞
153.10	Dewhirst (IJ)	121½	+17	1.4	1.5	∞
785.70	Dixons Grp	198	-6	...	4.0	...
5.74	ERA Gp	10	...	...	...	...
6.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.8	∞
28.80	Essex Furn	252	+4	...	1.9	40.3
152.10	Etam	233	+13	7.0	3.8	21.4
398.00	Fine Art Dev	500	+1	13.0	3.3	16.3
2.85	Fired Earth Tiles	50	...	...	...	...
16.50	Forminster	713	+5	14.5	2.6	12.9
21.90	French Conn▲	137	+6	...	...	...
23.90	Gent SR	66 †	...	...	4.3	20.5
34.80	Goldsmiths Gp	115	...	...	1.2	∞
6,186.90	GUS	615	+7	...	2.3	19.0
3.44	Hampden Grp▲	23	-1	...	5.4	...
61.80	Hartstone	59	-1	...	...	...
4.97	Heritage▲	88	...	...	...	...
5.80	Honeysuckle▲	70 †	-3	...	4.5	10.3
16.60	Jacques Vert	175	-6	...	2.3	13.4
4,029.90	Kingfisher	606	+17	...	3.1	∞
26.00	Leslie Wise Gp	75	-1	...	6.7	15.8
88.50	Liberty	533	...	7.2	1.7	62.8
403.10	Lloyds Chem	341 †	-15	...	2.9	11.3
966.30	MFI	166	+3	...	2.9	75.5
11,852.40	Marks Spencer	426½	+8	...	2.5	21.8
352.50	Menzies (John)	634	+3	...	2.2	16.5
40.80	Moss Bros	280	...	5.5	2.5	32.9
882.50	Next	237½	+6	...	2.9	13.5
16.60	Oliver (G)	66	+3	...	...	71.0
146.50	Ordiame Intl	274	+19	...	4.5	13.4
46.00	Pennss	32	-1½	...	...	...
89.60	QS Hldgs	228	-7	5.1	2.9	∞
30.20	Rhino Grp▲	36	-3	0.5	1.8	∞
37.00	Rosebys	188 †	+11	4.6	3.1	∞
159.00	Sherwood Gp	142	-1	...	2.6	∞
1,913.90	Sears	126½	+10	...	3.5	50.9
118.70	Signet Group	47½	+1	...	...	...
1,436.30	Smith WH 'A'	524	+3	...	3.6	16.9
168.20	-do- B	121½	...	...	3.1	19.6
2.18	Specialeyes▲	14	...	...	...	...
951.00	Storehouse	229	+9	...	2.7	22.6
115.70	T & S Stores	181 †	-½	6.1	4.2	∞
77.90	Tie Rack	151	+3	1.0	0.8	24.7
125.60	Tube Products	237	-1	7.7	4.1	20.5
8.17	Usher (Frank)▲	118	...	6.0	6.4	12.8
3,208.40	Vendome	459	+4	...	1.7	21.4
22.60	Vival	41 †	+1	1.2	3.8	∞
69.80	WEW Group	48	+2	...	3.5	35.4
3.14	Wensum▲	42	...	1.8	5.6	...
416.00	Wickes	112	+10	...	1.1	28.7
6.72	Wkl of Leather▲	84	...	...	...	...
68.20	Wyevale	178 †	...	4.4	3.1	∞
3.48	Xtra-vision▲	2½ ‡	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
307.80	ACT Group	166	+2½	...	3.8	16.7
50.30	Acal▲	261 †	+1	...	3.2	19.8
59.20	Admiral	568 †	+7	...	1.4	20.2
80.10	Alba	173 †	...	...	3.5	19.7
9.99	Alphameric	37	+1	...	...	...
208.50	Amstrad	35 †	-2	...	1.8	...
19.50	App Holo▲	93	-3	...	...	...
20.80	Arden	28	-1	...	...	...
289.80	Astec	87½	+¼	...	1.1	∞
55.90	Aztan	256	+2	...	1.5	30.5
26.00	Bealer Hunter	265	...	...	4.5	16.4
	Bennett & Fountain	2¼ #	...	...	...	...
1,524.10	BICC	432	+4	...	5.7	30.7
151.30	Bick	496	...	...	2.6	18.3
241.40	Borland▲	850	...	...	...	...
613.50	Bowthorpe	330 †	+4	...	2.6	19.2
24,254.00	BT	390½	+2	...	5.2	18.9
4,770.30	BT P/P	271½	+2	...	5.1	18.5
4.09	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15¼	+¼	0.1	0.8	...
23.00	Burnfield	67 †	+1	...	4.7	32.1
10,247.60	Cable Wireless	469	+25	...	2.0	24.5
83.40	Chloride	35	+2	...	...	...
48.30	CML Micro▲	276	+5	4.7	2.1	20.1
24.70	Comptr People	178	...	1.5	1.1	∞
387.90	Cray Elect	176	+2½	...	1.2	17.1
48.40	Crichley	417	-1	...	1.4	24.0
775.50	Delta	324 †	-2	...	3.5	23.3
27.90	Denmans El▲	640	+52	...	1.2	20.6
122.80	Domino	476	...	...	2.1	20.5
109.50	Dowding Mills	74 †	+2	...	4.3	24.8
89.50	Druck▲	1398	...	10.3	0.9	28.1
1,080.40	Electrocomps	514	+7	...	2.0	28.9
47.00	El Data Prc	180	-5	...	1.3	15.4
35.40	Electron House	141	-2	...	2.4	20.2
32.90	Emess	31 †	+1	0.1	0.4	∞
351.30	Eurotherm	396 ‡	+2	...	1.5	26.9
880.90	FKI	197½	+2½	...	2.1	28.9
737.90	Farnell Elect	549	-8	...	1.5	20.1
5.42	Feedback▲	64	...	...	3.9	8.7
46.30	First Tech	298	+2	...	0.8	24.8
19.80	Forward Gp▲	241	...	4.0	2.1	17.0
12.10	Forward Tech	29½	+¼	...	0.9	76.3
8,703.50	GEC	318	+9	10.4	4.1	15.9
103.20	Gowrby	160 †	...	...	5.2	14.8
37.10	Graystone	17½	...	...	0.9	...
2.07	Hitsure▲	68	...	0.5	1.5	...
63.40	Ind Control	159 †	+3	...	3.6	14.2
60.60	Jones Stroud	333	...	...	3.4	13.4
45.30	Kalamazoo	139	+2	2.7	2.4	27.6
2.74	Kembrey	10	...	0.1	1.9	∞
135.10	Kenwood App	368	+4	...	2.6	20.7
31.50	Kewill Syst▲	258	+11	...	...	...
10.90	Kode	116 †	-9	...	6.5	16.6
3.54	Laser-Scan▲	22	...	...	...	...
17.60	LIMS▲	98	+1	0.7	1.0	13.8
15.90	Lec Refrig	263	...	9.0	4.4	...
226.10	Life Sciences	133 †	+2	...	3.7	16.0
175.60	Logica	285 †	+4	...	1.8	32.9
4.49	LPA Inds▲	50	+2	...	6.1	...
111.00	MR Data Mngmt	200 †	+2	...	3.5	22.3
140.20	Macro 4	643 †	-2	...	3.8	19.3
104.40	Memec▲	214	+1	...	2.3	18.6
57.90	Micro Focus	880	-40	...	...	...
22.30	Microvitec▲	147	...	...	6.2	14.8
215.30	Misys	481 †	-10½	...	1.9	17.9
234.10	Mitel	271	-25	...	...	...
19.20	MMT Comps▲	171	...	...	2.9	23.3
4.65	Molynx	23	-1	1.3	7.1	...
54.20	MTL Instr▲	308 †	+26	...	1.7	19.9
21.30	Multitone Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
26.40	Murray Ent	157	+3	...	1.8	...
9,908.50	NYNEX	2400 †	+62½	...	...	...
25.30	Neotronics	97	+4	...	3.4	16.9
2.52	Newmark (L)	35	...	...	...	...
24.10	Norbain▲	325	-25	...	0.6	25.0
11.20	Northumber	66	+12	0.6	1.1	...
10.40	Oceonics	7½	-¼	...	...	...
140.90	Oxford Inst	290	-10	4.6	2.0	20.0
39.60	P & P	71 †	-1	...	3.7	17.0
100.90	Peek	85	+1	...	5.1	14.1
12.20	Pegasus▲	195	...	...	3.3	21.1
12.90	Philips Fn 4%	£100	...	...	5.8	...
6,373.20	-do- Lmp Inv	1995¼	+81¼	...	0.9	9.3
140.20	Phonelink▲	395	+62	...	...	...
31.70	Pifco	334 †	-1	...	1.6	28.0
22.40	-do- 'A' Voting	324 †	-1	...	1.7	22.2
4.18	Plasmec▲	90	...	3.0	4.1	∞
27.80	Prestec	113 †	+3½	...	2.8	21.1
57.90	Psion▲	258 †	+34½	2.8	1.4	∞
648.90	Racal Elect	232	+8	4.2	2.3	12.8
7.01	Radamec	38	-2	...	4.9	8.1
8.46	Radius▲	31	...	0.4	1.8	∞
7.21	Real Time▲	103	+7	...	3.6	21.1
116.50	Sage Gp	580	+31	...	2.2	17.2
30.70	Sanderson Elec	323	+3	9.9	3.8	13.8
27.40	Seastronic	75	...	3.1	5.3	20.5
73.70	Scholes Grp	192 †	+1	...	3.3	19.9
372.50	Sema Gp	406	+10	...	1.0	24.2
26.00	Servomex	261 †	-½	...	3.1	29.3
13.80	Silvermines	42	...	...	3.0	...
7.46	Soundtracks▲	76 †	...	...	3.9	19.1
4,042.60	TDK	3075	-3½	...	1.0	35.0
1.08	TDS Circuits▲	12	-¼	...	...	...
114.00	Telemetrix	126 †	...	1.0	1.0	...
84.40	Telspec	266	+1	...	1.2	33.4
4,890.50	THORN EMI	1148	+47	...	3.5	26.6
23.40	Thorpe FW	188 †	+4	...	1.9	16.8
3.53	Total Systems▲	35	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
92.40	Tunstall	282	...	...	1.6	20.2
219.20	Unitech	321	+5	...	2.4	54.6
24.50	Verity	12	-½	...	...	...
34.90	Vistec▲	28½	+1	0.3	1.6	16.8
5,242.40	Vodafone	517	-28	...	1.8	22.5
122.40	Volex	482	-1	18.1	4.9	19.0
4.36	Western Selectn	29	+4	0.2	1.1	...
46.00	Wholesale Ftgs	334	...	11.7	4.5	34.4

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,329.60	East Midlands	607	+17	...	4.2	10.8
1,209.40	Eastern Elect	647½	+1½	...	3.9	12.3
1,395.90	Hydro-Elect	304	-2	...	4.0	12.8
1,354.40	London Elect	621	+21	...	4.3	11.7
857.70	Manweb	722	+12	...	3.8	9.0
1,346.00	Midlands Elec	637	+20	...	4.2	10.1
5,670.40	National Powr	443	+5	...	3.1	11.0
841.60	Northern Elec	682	+15	...	4.1	8.9
627.10	Nthn Ireland	261	+3	...	3.3	12.8
1,162.30	Norweb	673	+19	20.8	3.9	9.6
3,880.80	PowerGen	495	+6	...	2.8	13.0
3,202.90	Scottish Power	383	+3	...	3.7	14.6
858.50	Seeboard	335	+3	...	3.8	10.5
908.30	Sth Wales	691	+7	...	4.2	10.6
794.00	Sth Western	645	+12	...	4.1	9.5
1,711.40	Southern Elec	631½	+½	...	4.1	8.4
1,328.50	Yorkshire Elec	639	+18	...	4.2	12.0

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26.00	Aitken Hume	56	-1	1.0	2.2	11.0
22.50	BWD▲	118 †	-1	4.0	4.2	18.4
30.80	Baltic Plc	102 †	+4	...	1.6	11.3
117.60	Bistre Inv	198	-7	...	...	...
563.40	Caledonia	678	+15	...	2.8	25.2
59.00	Cancelli	235½	...	...	1.6	8.9
71.70	Candover	320 †	+7	...	4.3	...
280.30	Govett	399	-5	...	4.7	8.2
63.40	Ivory Sime	217	+3	...	4.0	18.7
44.70	Johnson Fry	298	+30	...	...	...
191.00	Lon Forfaiting▲	191 †	+5	...	6.1	11.9
15.80	Manakin	77	...	...	...	...
16.50	Nat Home Loan	16	+¼	...	...	0.3
20.30	Newmarket	57	...	...	...	...
61.10	Rathbone Brs	310	+1	7.5	3.1	∞
66.80	Rutland Tst	26 †	+¼	...	4.2	∞
37.50	S & U	354	+7	10.2	3.6	13.3
178.50	Singer & Fried	93	+1	...	4.1	11.7
386.10	Sotheby's	1136	-77	...	1.4	...
422.00	SIP Capital	156	+6	3.0	2.4	64.3
32.50	Towry Law	212	...	...	2.7	20.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9,745.20	Amer Express	2025	-12¼	...	...	...
391.00	Gartmore	194	+8	...	2.6	22.4
205.40	Henderson Ad	960	-3	...	5.5	22.1
447.30	Invesco	181	+14	...	2.5	19.0
2,468.70	Jardine Strat	261½	+17½	...	3.3	∞
916.30	MAI	281½	+4½	...	3.1	15.3
1,086.70	MAM	598	+4	16.0	3.3	14.9
699.50	M & G	929	-1	...	3.4	19.5
203.70	Smith New Ct	369	...	...	2.4	3.6
20.60	Trio Hldgs	37	-3	...	8.4	11.9

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,685.00	AB Food	598	...	...	3.1	12.4
1,698.70	ASDA Group	58¼	+1½	1.6	3.5	...
105.90	Acatos & Hutch	321	...	...	3.1	11.8
376.00	Albert Fisher	62	-1	...	7.6	13.8
2,762.60	Argyll	246	-4	...	5.8	8.9
21.70	Banks (S C)	253	...	9.0	4.4	9.6
60.50	Barr (AG)	320	+5	...	2.5	20.6
10.70	Bertons Cmps	58 †	...	...	6.1	19.2
876.70	Booker	411 †	-10½	...	4.6	∞
30.60	Borthwick	33	...	...	2.8	65.8
234.60	Brake Bros	460	-2	6.8	1.9	∞
55.30	Budgen	34	...	...	4.8	10.3
3,960.50	Cadbury-Schw	479 †	+2	...	3.8	16.2
12.80	Carrs Milling	187	...	...	2.9	13.6
18.60	Cranswick	128	+3	...	7.2	13.0
3.44	Cullens	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
12.80	Dalepak	110	+19	...	5.7	32.1
1,049.30	Dalgety	458 †	+11	...	5.6	13.4
6.39	Daniels S	77 †	+¼	...	0.5	∞
337.50	Devro	290 †	+¼	...	2.8	∞
17.30	Everest	69 †	+1	...	6.7	13.1
88.50	Farepak	391	...	5.9	1.9	24.1
1.57	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
80.80	Finlay (James)	81	+5	...	6.4	26.9
287.60	Fyffes	102	+7	...	1.7	17.5
166.60	Geest	232	-4	8.1	4.4	∞
20.50	Global▲	17	+1½	0.5	3.7	∞
18.60	Grand Central	47	...	0.8	2.1	...
318.70	Hazlewood Fds	137¼	-5½	...	5.9	7.7
1,179.70	Hillsdown	171	-6	...	6.7	13.1
442.10	Iceland Group	161 †	-¼	...	3.0	10.3
44.00	JLI Group	106	+1	...	5.5	11.7
900.70	Kwik Save	583	-35	...	3.9	10.5
77.40	Low (Wm)	145	-2	...	7.2	5.1
120.40	Matthews (B)	97 †	...	...	3.2	15.5
10.20	Merchant Retail	12	...	0.9	9.9	24.6
885.10	Morrison (W)	124 †	-¼	...	1.0	∞
90.10	Nichols (JN)	228 †	-1½	...	3.2	15.2
1,325.50	Nthn Foods	231	+14	...	4.6	11.3
5.73	Nthmbrn Fns▲	12	...	...	...	...
276.60	Nurdin Peack	219	+9	...	3.8	12.2
189.00	Park Foods	139	+8	...	2.3	27.5
84.70	Perkins Food	69 †	+¼	...	8.1	∞
65.80	PizzaExpress	124 †	+9	...	0.5	26.2
5.25	Regina Hldgs▲	3¼	...	...	...	...
6,626.90	Sainsbury J	370	+8	...	3.5	13.0
3.78	Scotty Farms▲	88 †	-2½	2.2	3.2	∞
24.80	Shiss Food	82	-21	...	9.9	15.8
1,563.50	Tate & Lyle	436	-13	...	3.7	11.7
4,264.10	Tesco	227	+5	...	4.6	9.6
118.10	Thorntons	184 †	...	...	2.6	...
20.60	Treats▲	216 †	-1	...	2.3	17.6
923.10	Unigate	395	+14	...	5.2	13.0
1,825.20	Utd Biscuits	347 †	+1	...	5.5	15.8
17.90	Usborne	19½	...	...	3.4	14.4
143.20	Watson & Phil	368	...	...	4.9	15.4
16.90	West Trust	40	+1	...	8.4	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.08	Abrdn Stk H▲	34	...	...	...	...
156.50	City Centre Rest	82	-1	1.7	2.8	∞
2,021.80	Forte	234	-1½	...	4.1	37.8
35.90	Friendly Hotels	183	-1	5.7	4.0	∞
48.50	Jurys Hotel	142¼	-1½	...	4.5	11.6
2,202.10	Ladbroke	193 †	+4	...	3.9	33.5
626.40	Mandarin Ornt	92¼	-2½	...	3.7	∞
15.10	Ryan Hotels E	23	-¼	...	5.4	...
322.20	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1130	+5	1.7	0.2	∞
420.20	Stakis	88 ‡	+6	...	1.5	∞

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
11.30	AAF Inds	49	+1	...	22.4	3.0
408.60	AAH	457	+14	...	4.8	15.2
24.00	AIM	172 †	...	...	5.5	21.1
363.00	APV	130 †	+8	...	5.2	∞
130.00	ASW	194 †	+5	...	3.9	∞
151.20	Adwest	186 †	...	...	4.9	20.0
6.27	Aerospace Eng	16½	-½	...	5.7	...
63.30	Airsprung	265	+1	...	2.2	16.9
74.10	Alexdra W	220	+4	5.6	3.2	∞
3.46	Allied Radio	7½ #	-3	...	...	...
96.70	Alumasc	312 †	...	...	2.4	17.4
37.80	Alvis	68	...	...	1.8	12.3
27.60	Amber Ind	705	...	...	3.4	16.1
12.40	Amberley Gp▲	46	...	1.0	2.7	...
34.40	Anagen	74	...	...	...	...
13.00	Andrews Sykes	91	-1	...	...	...
411.80	Antofagasta	1310	-23	...	1.6	∞
17.10	Armour	33½	...	...	3.9	12.5
44.60	Ash & Lacy	171 †	...	6.4	4.7	∞
13.10	Ass Br Eng	5	+¼	...	1.3	65.4
158.80	Avon Rubber	597	+10	...	3.5	21.0
35.40	Assoc Nanga	288	...	...	0.4	17.7
56.00	Atlas Equip	538	...	22.0	5.3	∞
8.30	Ayrshire Metal	83	+5	1.5	2.3	∞
916.00	BBA	226 †	+15	...	4.1	...
9.63	BEP Group▲	145 †	+6	1.0	0.9	∞
44.90	BM Gp	40½	+2½	...	...	...
3,262.70	BOC	684	-29	...	4.2	26.9
202.20	BSG	74 †	+4	3.2	3.4	∞
139.40	BSS Group	534	...	...	4.0	29.8
3,353.50	BTR	383½	+10½	...	4.0	20.2
78.20	BWI	164	+6	...	5.2	20.4
179.00	Babcock	33¼	-1	...	4.1	19.8
3.57	Bailey (CH)	6½	-1½	...	...	...
265.80	Baird (Wm)	235	+1	8.9	4.8	∞
736.30	Barlow	375	-6¼	...	8.7	6.8
102.70	Baynes (Charles)	74 †	+2	...	2.8	20.2
7.05	Bearing Power	20½	-½	...	4.6	13.0
7.22	Beauford	30	+3	...	...	...
1.61	Bedford (W)▲	34	...	...	...	...
17.60	Benson Group	13½	+¼	...	2.8	10.2
79.50	Bespak	318	+11	10.2	4.0	9.9
125.00	Bibby (J)	80	+7	...	3.1	...
3.43	Bilam (J)	212 †	...	5.3	3.1	∞
2.36	Bilston Batrsea	28	...	...	...	...
8.07	Bimec Ind	6½	...	...	...	...
118.20	Birkby	271	...	3.7	1.7	14.1
9.65	Black Arrow	39	...	2.1	6.7	12.2
136.90	Black (Peter)	249 †	+1	3.8	2.0	19.5
38.80	Bluebird Toys▲	735 †	+8	16.0	2.7	∞
175.70	Bodycote	304	-5	...	2.1	19.4
1.74	Bogod 'A'	38	...	0.7	2.4	13.4
5,683.90	Boots	546	+18	...	3.1	21.6
1.76	Booth Inds	44	...	...	...	...
2,230.50	Bowater	447 †	-4	...	3.5	16.9
513.40	Bowater Inc	1415¼	-59¼	...	...	...
75.10	Boxmore Intl▲	273 ‡	-4	4.0	1.8	∞
13.70	Brasway	17½	+1	...	3.6	...
148.20	Brammer	327 †	+20½	13.0	5.0	∞
6.61	Bridgend Gp	34	...	0.4	...	...
83.30	Bridon	142	...	...	3.5	∞
7.82	Bridport-Gndry	78 †	+2½	...	3.6	...
1,299.50	Brierley Inv	50½	+¼	...	6.7	12.5
24.70	Br Bldg & Eng	230 †	+5	...	4.5	18.6
3.71	Br Bloodstock▲	95	...	...	...	...
135.40	Br Polythene	453	+14	11.5	3.2	∞
3,105.00	Br Steel	135¼	+10½	...	1.2	...
20.60	Br Thornton	128	+8	...	4.9	13.3
633.50	Br Vita	294 †	-4	...	3.1	24.2
82.20	Britton Grp	16 †	+2	...	1.4	∞
13,807.30	Broken Hill	833¼	+1½	...	2.2	37.7
79.90	Bromsgrve Ind	130	+3	...	3.0	14.3
5.60	Brooke Tool	15	...	...	...	...
17.80	Brown & Tawse	55	+4	...	...	...
187.00	Bullough	156	+2	...	4.8	68.2
9.50	Business Tech▲	12	...	...	...	...
13.80	CI Group	16	+2	0.5	4.5	15.4
6.06	Campbell & Arm	42	-3	...	...	...
35.50	Cannon St	34½	+¼	...	...	...
45.60	Cantab Pharms	464	-22	...	...	...
147.70	Cape	223	...	...	4.8	18.5
2,164.60	Caradon	365 †	+19	...	3.0	12.2
314.10	-do- pf	174½	-1½	7.2	5.2	...
155.40	Carclo Eng	259	+5	...	4.2	19.2
26.10	Care UK	6½	...	...	...	...
1,756.50	Carnaud Mtl	2178¼	+62¼	...	2.1	∞
4.75	Cassidy Bros▲	87	...	...	3.4	21.1
51.90	Castings	246	...	4.6	2.3	17.4
117.90	Cathay Intl	42	...	...	...	...
154.60	Celtech	219	...	...	...	...
12.60	Chamberlin Hill	175	...	6.5	4.6	10.9
494.50	Charter	723	-15	...	3.8	11.1
60.20	Chemring	309	...	...	3.6	26.0
4.54	Chieftain Gp▲	53 †	...	...	8.3	10.6
16.30	Chillington	51	+6	1.0	2.5	...
333.90	Christies Int	207 †	-5	...	1.2	∞
9.94	Clayhithe	60	-1	...	5.2	...
2.72	Clayton Son	127	...	...	...	...
3.52	Cohen (A)	483	...	3.4	0.9	...
89.60	Concentric H	224 †	+¼	...	2.3	15.6
122.90	Concentric	226	+8	...	3.2	18.7
64.40	Cook (Wm)	270	+2	6.0	2.7	16.9
1,505.60	Cookson	268 †	+7	...	2.9	∞
9.51	Copymore▲	90	-3	4.0	5.6	∞
65.90	Crowell Plr 'A'	163 †	...	...	4.4	22.1
14.80	Crosk	130	...	...	3.2	...
11.30	Creighton Nl▲	245	-16	7.4	3.8	17.6
65.60	CrestaCare	39 †	+1	0.7	2.4	∞
1,828.20	Dana	3981¼	-93¼	...	...	...
634.80	Danka Bs Sys	338	+8	...	0.6	32.1
159.80	David Brown	278	+2	...	2.7	19.7
1,781.40	De La Rue	923	-12	...	2.6	22.2
6.12	Dickie Hod	50	+10	1.4	3.6	∞
308.20	Diploma	546	-5	...	2.7	21.9
94.00	Dobson Park	75	+¼	...	6.2	17.0
1.75	Dyson (J&J)	106	...	5.0	5.9	19.5
9.40	-do- 'A'	78	...	5.0	8.0	14.3
6.53	EFG	14	...	...	...	...
191.80	EIS	435	...	...	3.5	17.2
3.04	Elbief	24	...	...	...	...
14.20	Elco	48	...	...	...	...
2,334.70	Electrolux 'B'	3278¼	-48¼	...	1.6	∞
28.30	Elliott (B)	80	+1	...	...	...
1,535.20	Eng China Cl	506 †	+25	...	4.9	29.5
19.90	Envirotmed	138	+7	...	...	...
5,487.50	Ericsson 'B'	2912¼	-159¼	...	1.3	∞
28.60	Eurocopy	59	-1	...	3.6	17.4
51.70	Expamet	82 †	...	...	3.8	58.1
271.50	Fairey Group	724	-2	11.8	2.1	∞
94.70	Fenner	137	-1	...	...	...
11.10	Ferraris Group	110	...	...	2.3	16.3
2.81	Ferrum	9	-¼	...	...	...
7.88	Fife Indmar	64 †	+1	...	5.4	9.4
1,078.10	Fisons	156	+13	...	3.5	...
58.50	Fitzwilton	30	+4	...	8.8	...
68.40	Flogas	278	...	...	3.8	12.7
14.50	Folkes Group nv	47	-1	1.5	4.0	26.7
14.10	French (Thomas)	119	...	...	3.8	25.5
165.40	Frost Group	235 †	-¼	4.9	2.6	∞
31.30	GEI Intl	85	-1	...	3.6	...
1,586.80	GKN	594 ‡	+14	...	4.3	35.7
8.43	GR Hldgs	64 †	+¼	...	3.5	...
4.73	Garton Eng	124	+2	...	4.7	32.6
295.50	Gestetner	150	+2	...	2.5	...
13.70	Glaves	60	+1	...	...	43.4
17,526.00	Glaxo	575	-20	...	5.2	13.6
10.40	Glenchewton	41	...	...	...	...
764.00	Glynwed	368	+12½	...	4.0	26.4
88.30	Goode Durrant	167	-3	...	4.1	...
107.80	Grampian Hd	158 †	-¼	5.5	4.4	∞
3,226.40	Granada	558	+15	...	2.0	22.0
56.40	Great Sthrn▲	478	...	12.2	3.2	∞
6.09	Green (Ernst)▲	79 †	...	...	11.1	14.5
26.10	Greenacre▲	14½	+¼	...	2.8	∞
1.14	Guardian Gp▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
72.50	Haden MacLn	66 †	+4	...	3.8	∞
8.11	Hadleigh	112	...	1.0	1.1	...
24.30	Halkin Hldgs	66	+2	...	...	51.5
79.30	Hall Eng	261 †	-5	...	4.5	14.9
450.80	Halma	227	...	...	1.2	28.4
38.60	Hampson Ind	63	+1	1.7	3.4	28.8
13,529.80	Hanson	265¼	+3½	...	5.4	24.6
14.50	Harris (Philip)	135	-1	...	6.3	8.2
1,349.70	Harrisn Crsfld	194 †	-1½	...	5.8	27.8
42.70	Havelock Euro	164	+19	...	...	...
4.70	Hay (Norman)	38	-2	...	...	...
5.80	Headway	36	+1	...	2.4	...
979.70	Hepworth	405 †	+27	14.8	4.6	∞
6.01	Hewitt (J)	177	+6	3.2	2.3	∞
2.84	High-Polm	57	...	0.5	1.1	...
52.50	Hill & Smith	158	+6	...	4.5	18.2
25.40	Hobson▲	27 #	...	...	...	...
5.74	Holders Tech▲	184 †	...	6.0	4.1	∞
46.00	Hopkinsons	59	...	0.9	1.9	44.6
15.60	Hornby▲	189 †	-1	9.0	6.0	∞
271.80	Howden	97 †	+2½	...	2.9	15.5
57.10	Hozelock	240	+2	...	3.1	17.1
206.80	Hunting	215	-17	...	6.0	55.9
128.80	Huntleigh Tec▲	455	+5	...	1.1	30.1
1,150.90	IMI	354 †	+22	...	3.5	29.7
51.60	ISA Intl	133	-3	1.6	1.6	∞
37.40	Intercare Gp▲	132	+7	...	3.3	12.6
38.40	Isotron	310 †	...	4.4	1.8	17.4
3,462.30	Jardine Math	485¼	+14	...	3.1	∞
1,156.90	Johnson Matth	607	-3	...	2.2	21.7
59.00	Johnson & FB	42	-1	...	4.0	40.0
17.00	Johnston	161	+1	2.0	1.6	∞
7.19	Jones Shipman	28	+2	...	...	...
5.93	Jourdan (T)	33	-1	1.0	3.8	∞
241.80	Kalon	181½	+2½	...	2.9	18.4
8.57	Kelsey Ind	279	+17	...	3.6	...
265.90	Kershaw (A)	765	+15	...	4.4	39.4
30.60	Kleeneze	220	...	...	0.6	71.2
483.70	Laird	411	+23	...	3.3	20.2
43.00	Lilleshall	160 †	+7	...	3.6	17.4
15.30	Lincat▲	217 †	...	...	3.6	15.3
8.82	Lincoln Hse▲	35	...	...	...	17.8
18.20	Linread	149	+1	3.9	3.3	∞
57.90	Linton Park	338	...	...	5.2	12.2
20.30	Liontrust	10½	-¼	...	3.7	22.8
4.95	Locker (T) A	16½	...	0.8	6.4	24.0
214.90	Lon Intl	127	-3	6.2	6.2	...
1,151.70	Lonrho	149½	+3	...	3.3	73.7
408.00	Low & Bonar	418 †	+4	...	3.0	∞
66.30	ML Hldgs	44	...	...	...	...
15.90	MS Intl	58	+1	...	5.4	35.6
50.20	MY Holdings	57 †	+1	...	3.3	13.7
181.10	Macfarlane	234	+3	3.8	2.1	∞
471.90	McKechnie	518	-5	...	3.6	24.9
66.50	McLeod Russel	110	-1	...	6.9	16.2
5.34	Magnolia	93	...	0.1	0.1	∞
23.40	Mang Bronze	142 †	-2	...	3.1	16.0
34.60	Marling	19½	-¼	...	5.4	...
37.60	Mayborn▲	190	+7	...	3.8	13.0
109.00	Mayflower	55 †	+1	...	3.1	∞
401.90	Medeva	146 †	+6	2.7	2.3	∞
235.70	Meggitt	109	-¼	...	4.6	∞
103.20	Metalr	125	...	4.0	4.1	∞
26.30	Metrotect	109	+4	...	3.7	15.1
19.80	Mettec▲	128	...	2.0	2.0	∞
50.80	Midmacs	101	-4	...	0.9	14.0
172.10	Molins	555 †	+9½	...	3.5	11.2
625.00	Morgan Cble	380	-1	...	4.1	19.9
24.70	Morris Ashby▲	212	-2	5.7	3.4	16.1
9.57	Neepsend	39	+1	1.0	3.2	52.3
52.40	Nestor-BNA	70 †	-1	3.1	5.6	∞
28.00	Nobo Gp	229	+1	5.3	2.9	22.6
281.30	Nurcros	161	-5	...	5.4	23.5
20.20	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
24.20	OMI Intl	54½	+6½	...	4.0	...
14.90	PCT▲	169	...	7.2	5.4	19.2
3.81	Pacer Systems▲	81 †	...	...	5.4	29.3
5.36	Pascoe's	35	...	...	...	...
335.90	Pentland	93	+8	...	4.3	43.0
136.60	Photo-Me	225	-5	4.7	2.6	13.5
1,578.60	Pilkington	200	+12	...	1.6	...
88.00	Plasmabrook	88 †	-¼	3.4	4.8	∞
264.80	Polypipe	169 †	+9	...	1.6	21.7
21.70	Porter Chadburn	23	...	...	2.2	10.5
232.70	Powerscreen	270	-7	...	3.1	14.0
34.40	Prospect Inds	19½	+1½	...	5.1	11.3
7.55	RPS Group▲	63 †	+¼	2.4	4.8	∞
1.36	Radiant Metal	100	...	...	...	...
28.10	Ramco Oil▲	155	+9	1.0	0.8	51.9
3,411.40	Rank Org	413	+19	...	1.8	22.4
13.60	Ransomes	24	...	...	...	...
2,422.50	Reckitt Colm	646 †	+34	...	3.4	∞
27.80	Record	83	...	...	5.6	18.1
5.79	Reece	4½	+¼	...	...	...
54.10	Relyon	255 †	-2	...	2.5	46.5
135.90	Renishaw	277 †	+5	...	2.9	34.8
94.20	Renold	143	...	...	1.5	...
8,290.90	Reuters	1993 †	+66	...	1.8	27.7
12.40	Rexmore	80	...	2.0	3.2	...
52.00	Ricardo Group	165 †	-2	...	4.5	18.2
5.70	Richard (Leics)	68	...	3.7	6.9	...
32.30	Richardson West	90 ‡	+3	...	4.1	17.8
11.20	Ropner	170	+4	8.2	6.2	∞
25.80	-do- 'A'	164	+4	8.2	6.5	∞
26.00	Ross Gp	20	+2	0.4	2.5	∞
156.50	Rotork	178 †	+1½	...	3.0	∞
28.50	Rubicon	145	-2	...	3.7	18.3
17.20	Russell (A)	74 †	+3½	...	3.0	∞
28.10	SEP Indl	35	+¼	...	2.9	16.3
813.80	SKF 'B'	1228¼	+15¼	...	...	...
556.50	Scapa	235	+4	...	3.0	17.5
123.00	Scholl	183 †	+¼	...	4.4	14.9
176.50	Scoda	281	+7	...	...	...
50.20	Securicor	1210	-5	...	0.3	35.7
652.80	-do- 'A'	850	-8	...	0.4	25.1
837.50	Security Serv	764	-6	...	0.9	30.1
370.00	Senior Eng	123 ‡	+1½	...	3.3	∞
98.30	Seton Health	319	...	...	2.4	18.8
8.49	Shiloh	148	...	3.0	2.6	16.0
187.80	Sidlaw	342	+4	...	3.8	17.0
2,649.30	Siebe	619	+15	...	2.1	21.8
139.70	Silentnight	296	...	...	3.4	16.0
2,586.20	Sime Darby	165 †	+18½	...	2.9	18.2
121.90	Sitton Eng	121	+6	...	...	...
47.70	Sinclair (Wm)	239	+2	...	4.0	17.7
32.30	Six Hundred	80	+9	...	3.1	...
1,566.40	Smith & Neph	144½	+7	...	4.3	15.7
4,994.10	SmithKline	364 †	-6	...	3.7	14.2
4,296.80	Smithkline Uts	328 †	-4	...	4.2	12.8
1,475.60	Smiths Ind	494	+28	...	3.1	19.6
82.10	Stm Bus	85	...	...	5.5	4.4
64.60	Spandex▲	600	...	...	1.5	18.6
32.80	Spear (JW)	690	-20	19.0	3.9	∞
320.80	Spirax-Sarco	415 †	+8½	...	3.0	20.2
264.80	Spring Ram	58½	-½	...	1.1	∞
232.00	Staveley	203	...	...	5.2	11.5
63.60	Sterling Ind	227	...	...	3.2	34.8
215.40	Suter	196 †	+2	...	5.9	17.3
	Swire Pacific 'A'	498	+7½	...	2.0	∞
12.60	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
4.88	Sykes Pick	48	...	3.0	8.0	9.3
28.10	Symonds	168	...	...	3.6	24.3
1,843.20	TI	417 †	+17	...	3.4	24.0
12.60	TLS Range▲	35	+2	0.5	1.8	∞
383.70	TT Group	377 †	+6	...	2.2	58.1
352.00	Telmer	205 †	+11	2.0	1.0	23.1
7,228.80	Takeda Chem	826½	+8	...	0.8	15.7
2.93	Tex Hldgs	46	...	...	2.8	...
6.69	Thames (R)▲	92	...	...	7.6	15.9
26.00	Thorn▲	220	...	...	2.4	18.3
2,783.80	Tomkins	249	+11	...	3.3	18.3
1,115.10	Trafalgar H	104	...	...	3.9	...
81.20	Transfer Tech	85 †	+11	3.3	4.9	∞
84.60	Triplex Lloyd	131	-2	...	6.7	15.8
411.30	UniChem	287 †	+1	6.5	2.8	∞
71.60	Unidare	370	...	...	2.8	20.1
12.90	Unigroup	40	+1	...	...	...
8,712.80	Unilever	1073 †	+52	25.0	2.9	∞
11,861.30	Unilever (NV)	7304¼	+268¼	...	2.8	∞
38.00	Utd Inds	17	+1	...	...	...
372.60	VSEL	983	+3	...	3.9	10.6
29.50	Varson	20	...	...	...	...
601.50	Vickers	183 †	+10	...	2.0	22.9
174.80	Victaulic	305 †	...	...	3.3	16.8
205.40	Vinten	306	+4	...	2.0	∞
240.40	Vosper Thorny	778	...	...	2.6	18.0
11.40	WSP Hldgs	48 †	+2	...	4.7	35.4
230.50	Wagon Ind	530	+9	...	4.5	22.5
23.00	Waterbourne	2½	-1	...	...	15.0
98.20	Walker Greenbk	102	+4	3.3	4.1	∞
439.00	Wassall	286 †	+20	...	1.5	24.7
404.00	Wattrd Wdgwd	57	+4	...	...	∞
544.30	Weir	348 †	+13	...	2.3	...
4,609.80	Wellcome	538 †	-8½	...	4.8	11.4
11.60	Wellman	36	+7½	0.9	3.1	58.8
175.40	West Hldcare	344	+4	...	1.4	22.1
120.30	Whatman	522 †	...	...	2.4	18.5
68.80	Whessoe	234	-8	...	4.4	11.0
45.50	Whitecroft	105	...	...	...	...
15.90	Widney	11	...	...	...	...
31.60	Wilkes (James)	179	+5	...	1.0	∞
1,937.50	Williams Hldg	393	-2	...	4.1	22.4
38.40	Wilshaw	49½	+2	...	1.5	28.3
2,400.30	Wolseley	897	+1	...	2.0	21.7
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	135 †	...	3.0	2.4	∞
16.50	Wyko	51	-2	...	1.2	...
12.80	Young (H)	77	+2	...	5.4	...

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
446.50	Alex & Alex	1168¾	...	...	5.7	...
4,170.80	Am Gen	1925	+63½	...	4.0	...
23.40	Archer	64	+5	...	2.0	...
79.30	Bradstock	134	-6	...	5.1	15.1
808.70	Britannic	444 †	-7½	15.7	2.8	∞
87.18	CLM Insce	101	...	...	...	...
3,308.20	Com Union	595 †	+6	...	5.2	22.1
130.20	Dom & Gen	1915 †	...	...	1.6	25.3
113.90	FAI	46	+1	...	1.1	...
59.00	Fenchurch Grp	168	-7	...	5.4	15.0
2,854.80	Gen Accident	633 †	-2½	...	5.4	12.7
1,649.20	GRE	190 †	-1	...	5.0	2.6
245.30	Heath C E	378	...	...	5.3	...
143.20	Hogg Gp	221	+10	5.6	3.2	∞
179.90	Independent Ins	274 †	-1½	8.2	3.8	∞
267.00	JIB Group	194 †	+1	...	4.8	17.6
2,337.40	Legal & Gen	478 †	+5	...	5.3	16.7
2,413.50	Liberty Life	1034¼	-59¼	...	3.0	16.4
281.40	LIMIT	100½	+1	...	...	...
2,667.80	Lloyds Abbey	394 †	-10	...	5.9	12.3
192.00	Lloyd Thomp	284 †	-3½	7.1	3.1	17.6
465.90	Londn & Man	386	+11	...	5.2	18.3
121.50	Lowndes Lmb	428	...	14.0	4.1	15.4
4,125.90	Marsh McLn	5625	+31¼	...	3.2	...
79.60	Nelson Hurst	176	-6	...	4.0	17.6
24.50	Odel	119	...	...	5.3	...
23.10	PWS	75	...	...	6.7	13.9
6,398.30	Prudential	338 †	+18	...	4.9	16.1
530.90	Refuge	339 †	-10	...	4.2	25.0
1,849.70	Royal	285 †	+11	...	3.3	12.9
1,014.90	Sedgwick	197 †	-11	...	3.8	22.2
66.80	Steel Burrill	140 †	-2	...	8.0	∞
34.40	Sturge Hldgs	68	-3	...	5.5	57.7
2,755.30	Sun Alliance	341 †	+1	14.7	5.4	∞
148.00	Trade Indemnty	81	-1	...	0.8	17.9
1,153.90	Transatlantic	383 ‡	+3	...	3.9	35.0
459.20	Utd Friendly	560 †	-22	16.5	3.7	...
944.00	Willis Corroon	226	+1	...	3.2	20.0
8.79	Windsor	26	...	...	...	20.4



INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
909.20	Alliance	1804 †	+5	...	3.3	...
504.80	Anglo & O'seas	442 †	+3	...	2.0	...
75.20	BZW Conv	149 †	+1	7.8	6.5	...
300.50	Bankers	194 †	...	...	2.4	...
174.40	Baring Tribne	340	+5	...	2.4	...
12.50	Berry Starq	236 †	...	2.2	1.2	∞
397.40	Br Assets	103¼	+1	...	5.2	...
125.00	Br Empire Sec	94	+1½	...	1.2	...
5.05	-do- Wnts	38	+3	...	...	...
652.10	Br Inv	209	+7	4.6	2.8	...
154.20	Brunner	242	...	...	2.7	...
43.80	Cont Asset	202	+3	...	1.9	...
18.70	Derby Inc	158	+5	...	12.5	...
47.60	-do- Cap	310	+21	...	...	...
12.30	Drayton Blue	97	+4	8.4	10.8	...
48.00	-do- Eng Intl	98	-2	1.0	1.3	...
174.00	-do- Far East	150¼	+7½	...	0.6	...
34.10	-do- Korea	148	+7	0.5	0.4	...
221.90	Dunedin Inc G	700 †	+4	...	4.7	...
42.20	-do- Japan	105½	+1	...	...	...
3.68	-do- Warrants	71	+1	...	...	...
282.00	-do- Wwde	782	+5	...	1.5	...
52.60	Dundee & Lon	313	...	...	3.6	...
915.20	Edinburgh	311¼	+¼	8.5	3.4	...
534.90	Elctra Inv	309	+4	...	2.8	...
182.60	Electric Gen	202	+2	3.1	1.9	...
1.54	English Scot	117	...	...	...	...
79.10	European Asset	317 †	...	...	1.8	...
37.70	Fleabury 'A'	157	...	3.0	2.4	...
201.60	Fleming Amer	304¼	-3	...	0.6	...
60.80	Fleming Chinese	101	+1	...	...	...
6.96	-do- Warrants	58	+2	...	...	...
139.10	-do- Claver	227½	+1½	...	2.1	...
231.20	Do Cont	354	+13	2.7	1.0	...
92.80	-do- Emrg	232	+2	...	2.6	...
342.10	-do- F East	389½	+14½	1.1	0.4	...
49.40	-do- Fledg	392 †	+1	...	1.0	...
34.00	-do- HI Inc	105	+1	...	5.2	...
476.90	-do- Japan	276	+8	...	0.2	...
442.20	-do- Merc	306 †	+6	6.7	2.2	...
402.40	-do- O'seas	303	+3	4.2	1.7	...
1,476.70	Foreign & Col	140¼	+2	...	1.6	...
123.20	-do- Emrg Mkts	123	+8½	0.2	0.3	...
65.30	-do- Enterprise	69¼	+1	0.6	1.1	...
152.50	-do- Eurotr	254	+10	...	0.6	...
50.70	-do- German	129	-1	0.5	0.5	...
368.50	-do- Pacific	346	+11	2.2	0.8	...
191.60	-do- Smaller	185¼	+1½	1.8	1.3	...
183.50	GT Japan	294	+3	...	0.5	...
34.90	Genl Cons Cap	195	+1	...	...	...
39.50	-do- Inc	109	+1	...	10.0	...
43.60	Govett Am Smlr	175	+2	...	...	...
41.80	-do- Emg Mkts	117	+7	...	...	...
47.50	Govett High Inc	95	+3½	...	7.0	...
686.50	-do- Oriental	382	+20	0.9	0.3	...
277.90	-do- Strategy	283	-2	...	3.0	...
53.50	Greenfriar	465	...	...	1.8	...
0.81	Gresham House	10	...	...	...	...
66.30	Herald	102	-2	...	...	...
336.50	Inv Cap	136	+1	...	4.7	...
30.20	IAS UK Smllr	104	...	3.8	3.4	...
175.00	Kleinwort Chrt	236	+6	...	3.0	...
190.70	-do- O'seas	240 †	+3	...	1.7	...
20.10	-do- Smlr	152 †	-3	...	2.5	...
164.80	Law Debenture	726 †	+4	...	3.3	...
109.20	Majedie	208	-1	...	3.0	...
280.30	Merchants	274 †	-½	11.0	5.0	∞
529.00	Mercury Euro Pv	480	+3	...	...	...
455.60	-do- World Mng	107	-2	...	...	...
33.20	-do- World Wts	39	+2	...	...	...
7,842.00	Merrill Lynch	2437½	-162½	...	...	...
419.00	Monks Inv Tst	540	+5	...	1.6	...
58.00	Marg Gren Inc	146	+1	...	3.9	...
2.52	Do Warrants	32	+1	...	...	...
116.20	Do Latin Amer	93	+3	...	...	...
12.50	Do Warrants	30	+6	...	...	...
36.40	Murray Ent	137	+3	...	1.8	...
45.10	-do- Pf 1994	£290	...	...	...	...
1.86	-do- Warrants	39	+1	...	...	...
18.30	Murray Euro	61 †	-½	0.2	0.6	∞
0.99	Do WS	16½	-1	...	...	...
305.20	Murray Income	362 †	+5	11.3	3.9	∞
435.80	-do- Intl	354 †	+7	...	4.1	...
257.50	-do- Small	499	+15	...	1.2	...
6.96	-do- S/C Inc	87	+2	...	15.2	...
8.40	-do- S/C Cap	150	+6	...	...	...
1.72	-do- S/C Uts	3325	...	...	4.0	...
9.89	-do- S/C DP	154¼	+1½	...	...	...
80.50	-do- Vent	326 †	+2½	...	4.2	...
31.30	Nthbrng Inc	80 †	+1	6.7	10.5	...
142.90	O'seas Inv Tst	375	+7	...	1.1	...
3.67	Do Warrants	20½	+6½	...	...	...
96.60	Pacific Assets	488 †	+43	...	0.3	...
12.60	Do Warrants	388	+39	...	...	...
13.80	Personal Assets	9050 †	+100	19.0	2.6	...
313.90	RIT Cap Ptnr	174	+1	1.1	0.8	...
73.70	River & Merc	118	+2	...	9.7	...
	Robeco	449	...	...	2.8	...
	Rolinco	448	...	...	1.7	...
114.60	St Andrew Inv	333 †	-4	...	2.9	...
373.40	Scot American	167	...	...	3.5	...
58.40	Scott Asian	238	+15	...	...	...
5.39	do Warrants	770	+12	...	...	...
540.10	-do- Eastern	85½	-1½	1.5	2.3	∞
590.40	Scottish	232	+5	...	2.6	...
826.00	-do- Mrge	229	+4	4.0	2.2	...
63.40	-do- Value	126	+3	...	1.8	...
305.30	Second Allnce	1590	+5	...	3.1	...
309.10	Secs Tst of Scot	96½	+2½	3.2	4.2	...
48.80	Selective Asset	169	+3	...	1.1	...
59.40	Sphere Inv	49	+2	...	8.7	...
80.80	TR Far East	172	+15	...	3.8	...
305.60	TR City Of Lon	153½	+3½	...	3.9	...
131.30	TR Pacific	98 ‡	+6½	...	0.2	...
113.80	TR Property	40	+5	0.9	2.8	...
51.60	TR Tech Inv	142	+4	1.7	1.5	...
363.50	TR Smlr Cos	204	+3	...	2.3	...
361.50	Temple Bar	398	+2	...	4.7	...
112.00	Thrnm Asian E	112	+5	0.5	0.6	∞
249.10	Throgmorton	82	...	...	3.5	...
17.30	Throg Dual Cp	493	+23	...	...	...
91.10	USDC Invest	249 †	+3	...	2.3	...
49.40	Value Inc Tst	115½	+1½	4.0	4.3	...
867.00	Witan	231	+2	...	3.1	...

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
460.60	Airtours	499	+21	...	2.3	17.1
17.90	Ald Lsis	28	-1	...	13.4	9.1
256.00	Alpha Airpts	270	+3	...	3.0	∞
393.70	Anglia TV	652	+8	...	1.8	30.2
20.60	Baldwin	108	+10	...	4.1	14.2
30.60	Barr & W 'A'	307	+2	10.0	4.1	19.8
49.30	Boosey Hwks	1263	...	22.0	2.2	18.9
14.80	Border TV▲	145	-2	3.6	3.1	11.8
15.80	Brent Walker	4½	+¼	...	...	...
7.28	Bristol Scotts	120	...	...	...	...
6.63	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
4.78	Campari	46	...	8.7	23.8	...
301.00	Capital Radio	424	-3	...	1.7	37.4
2,145.20	Carlton Comm	945	+54	...	2.5	21.6
19.20	Castle Comms▲	284 †	+2	...	4.0	18.0
786.80	Central TV	2925	...	39.0	1.7	31.9
43.30	Chrysalis	161	...	3.2	2.5	...
647.30	Compass Gp	359	-1	...	2.1	20.0
67.60	Eurocamp	257 †	...	9.7	4.7	10.6
600.30	Euro Disney	370¼	+12½	...	3.1	...
25.80	Euro Leisure	3½	-½	...	...	...
12.60	Fairline Boats	360	+25	...	3.6	33.9
516.30	First Leisure	316	+6	...	2.6	21.4
326.40	Flextech▲	350	+10	0.5	0.2	...
57.60	GWR Gp▲	910	+35	...	1.2	32.9
35.40	Grampian	251	-7	6.5	3.2	17.4
1.12	Greenwich Comm▲	16	...	...	...	...
112.10	HTV Group	130	-2½	1.0	1.0	∞
38.50	Hi-Tec Sports	80	+4	...	3.5	...
34.30	Kunick	14½	+¼	...	...	...
758.20	LWT Hldgs	733	+16	...	0.8	33.9
83.90	Man Utd	688 †	+19½	...	3.6	27.8
14.60	Northern	45	+2	...	...	8.7
181.00	Owners Abrd	116 †	+2	...	3.8	...
59.40	The Pelican Gp	87	+1	1.1	1.6	20.4
14.60	Pelton Leisure▲	173	...	3.5	2.5	16.1
13.60	Quadrant Grp	37	...	...	...	...
20.20	Ransomes (G)	236	+14	...	2.4	34.0
47.70	Scot Radio▲	530	+12	...	2.2	23.6
216.90	Scot TV	450	-59	12.4	3.5	∞
44.00	SelecTV▲	31	+2½	...	...	...
32.90	Southern Radio	116	...	...	1.3	51.4
171.80	Stanley Leisure	323	...	...	2.0	26.1
7.49	Sunset & Vine	131 †	+¼	3.5	3.3	20.0
1,090.30	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	...
17.30	Ticketing▲	2	...	...	...	...
12.80	Tottenham Hot	80	...	...	3.1	30.6
60.90	Trans World▲	156 †	+1	1.3	1.0	56.9
62.80	Ulster TV	598 †	-24½	15.0	3.1	∞
101.60	Vardon	139 †	-3	1.1	1.0	∞
149.90	Yorkshire TV	258	-11	...	1.4	...
8.22	Zetters Gp	125	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6,199.50	Ang Am	2662½	-50	...	2.4	22.4
483.40	Ang Am Coal	1918½	-93¼	...	4.8	9.9
1,114.40	Ang Am Gold	4615¼	-659¼	...	4.9	20.7
26.00	Anglo Pac Res▲	33¼	+¼	...	...	...
42.90	Balgrvalk	319	+13	...	...	...
26.10	Blyvoors	108¼	+8½	...	...	...
4.28	Bracken	30½	...	...	20.0	5.4
64.40	Buffels	585¼	-37½	...	11.1	5.2
6.47	Butte	2½	-½	...	...	...
4,915.30	CRA	828½	...	...	2.5	26.5
33.00	Cluff Res	45½	-1½	...	...	...
5,227.80	De Beers	1375	-75	...	4.9	...
91.20	Deelkraal	91½	-3½	...	2.2	6.7
12.20	Doornfontein	30½	-6½	...	...	...
1,419.10	Driefontein	695¼	-16½	...	4.8	11.5
13.80	Durban	393½	-42	...	...	...
53.90	E Rand Gold	117½	-10	...	9.3	3.6
95.70	E Rand Prop	72½	...	...	...	...
296.20	Elandsrand	305½	-38½	...	6.4	...
892.30	FS Cons	235½	-9½	...	6.6	9.7
6.57	FS Dev	30	-3½	...	...	...
1,224.30	GFSA	1268¼	-68¼	...	3.1	21.3
1,541.00	Gencor	112	-10	...	5.9	12.5
302.40	GM Kalgoorli	69½	-½	...	2.0	27.8
11.80	Greenwich E 'A'	14½	-½	...	...	...
13.20	Grootvlei	115¼	-6½	...	8.8	7.3
89.40	Harmony	333½	-27	...	...	...
304.00	Hartbst	271½	-23½	...	10.5	6.7
28.50	Incoo▲	14	-½	...	...	11.5
552.60	Impala Plat	875	-37½	...	3.2	28.6
10.10	Kenmare Res▲	13¼	...	...	...	...
160.30	Kinross	890¼	-100	...	6.9	9.9
828.90	Kloof	598	-36½	...	4.1	7.1
12.30	Leslie	78¼	-10	...	14.7	4.1
31.50	Loraine	186¼	-10	...	...	...
168.30	Lydenburg	1083½	...	...	2.0	...
2,605.70	MIM	147½	-4½	...	1.6	62.2
2,811.90	Minorco	1248 †	-108	...	3.1	15.0
1,073.60	Nth Brkn Hill	162¼	-6½	...	3.1	24.9
9,191.00	RTZ	883 †	-3	...	3.0	26.4
160.30	Rand Mines	268¼	...	...	4.2	10.2
357.90	Randfontein	585¼	-30½	...	7.0	3.9
477.20	Renison	240	+7	...	1.9	24.8
1,392.70	Rustnbg	1112½	-81½	...	2.9	25.4
57.20	St Helena	590¼	-16½	...	7.1	12.5
447.70	Southvaal	1721¼	-237½	...	5.4	18.7
11.80	Stilfontein	90¼	-3½	...	22.9	16.9
25.30	Unisel	90¼	-10	...	4.9	8.6
6,083.30	Vaal Reefs	5109¼	-540½	...	3.3	7.9
209.30	Western Areas	519¼	-34½	...	5.1	3.6
630.80	Western Deep	2275	-168½	...	4.8	7.6
3,550.00	Westn Mining	343	+2	...	1.5	...
75.40	Winkels	618¼	-68½	...	7.5	5.9
69.50	Zambia Copper	57	...	...	...	...
62.50	Zandpan	48	-1	...	9.7	15.8

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5.46	Abbey Panels	273	...	...	...	...
9.82	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
92.30	Appleyard	139 †	+4	5.5	4.9	∞
16.80	Blackley Mtr	365	+2	...	3.4	∞
26.30	Bostrom	230	+9	6.0	3.3	∞
1,831.40	Br Aerospace	484½	+2½	...	2.1	42.6
59.10	Burndene	38	+2	...	3.9	15.0
13.60	Caffyns	410	+7	11.5	3.5	21.7
33.40	Caverdale	18½	+2	0.1	1.0	∞
14.60	Central Mtr	109	-2	...	4.6	27.0
16.70	Cook (DC)▲	39	+6	0.9	2.9	22.1
465.80	Cowie (T)	325¼	+32	...	3.0	18.1
40.60	Dag Motors	168 ‡	+1½	...	4.7	...
23.20	Davnprt Vern	122	-3	...	4.3	12.1
31.70	ERF	323	...	2.0	0.8	...
59.60	European Mtr	159	+14	...	2.9	22.3
112.80	Evans Halshaw	322 †	+1	13.0	3.1	∞
214.60	FR Group	285	+9	...	3.4	∞
19,525.30	Ford Motor	3969½	-143½	...	...	...
27,933.20	General Mtr	3931½	-137½	...	1.4	...
6.89	Gowrings	76	...	...	3.3	∞
137.90	Henlys	291 ‡	+6	2.0	3.2	∞
11,285.10	Honda Motor	1159	+60	...	0.8	...
4.44	Jacks (Wm)	41	...	...	...	...
10.00	Jessups	103	+15	4.5	5.5	...
285.10	Kwik-Fit	168 †	-½	...	2.8	19.3
497.30	Lex Service	524 †	+13	...	3.0	∞
47.10	Lookers	346 †	+1	...	3.3	24.0
1,573.20	Lucas	211 †	+17	...	4.1	...
24.40	Malaya Grp	27¼	+1½	...	...	...
109.60	Pendragon	283 †	+8	...	3.2	20.5
56.00	Perry Gp	223	+1	7.0	4.0	∞
42.50	Quicks Group	185 †	+14	...	3.4	∞
2,266.80	Rolls-Royce	185½	-3½	...	3.4	40.9
1,261.00	T & N	251	+22	...	5.4	...
144.40	Trinity Hldgs	281	+4	...	2.5	26.3
95.80	Tardy (Reg)	208 †	+12	...	2.6	24.5
341.30	Westland	334	+1	...	1.7	23.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
43.40	Adscene	274	-1	5.7	2.6	28.0
5.20	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.2	∞
331.20	Blenheim Gp	361	-8	10.2	3.6	∞
65.50	Bristol	402	-1	...	...	...
73.70	Daily Mail	1471½	+7½	...	3.7	26.3
1,215.10	Daily Mail 'A'	1219¼	-28½	...	1.3	34.5
184.10	Dorling Kind	266 †	+2	...	1.5	28.6
3,925.80	Elsevier	5900¼	+138½	...	1.6	26.1
730.40	EMAP	421	+1	...	3.1	∞
338.00	Euromoney Pb	1645	+15	...	2.4	26.0
17.00	Harrington K	149	+9	4.9	2.9	28.9
70.00	Haynes Pub	448 †	...	...	3.7	∞
138.00	Hodder H'line	400 †	-½	3.0	2.0	25.3
14.00	Home Counts	140 †	+7½	4.5	1.6	...
80.00	Intl Bus Comm	205 †	+3	...	4.0	∞
7.43	Intl Cm & Data▲	11½	-½	...	1.2	1.3
392.20	Independent	300 †	-5	...	...	...
204.20	Johnston Press	665 †	+½	7.0	2.8	17.2
39.40	Metal Bulletin	399 †	+14	...	1.3	∞
239.80	Midland Ind	174	+5	...	2.0	23.1
781.40	Mirror Gp	181	+10	...	...	23.8
4,224.20	News Corp	450	+3½	...	0.3	13.2
1,919.50	News Intl	278 †	+9	...	0.6	...
3,653.10	Pearson	663 †	+37	...	2.5	17.1
90.00	Portsmth Sund	750	-4	...	1.6	25.6
4,505.10	Reed Int	855	-20	...	2.8	20.7
36.80	Southnews	240	-2	2.3	1.2	28.5
85.00	Sterling Pub▲	186 †	-1	...	2.1	44.4
827.20	Telegraph	614 †	+10	...	2.6	22.7
4,254.90	Thomson Corp	835	+10	30.1	4.5	20.0
203.50	Trinity Intl	443 †	+2	...	2.7	21.6
2.17	Unit Group▲	40	+10	...	...	...
1,598.20	Utd Newspapers	655 †	+13	...	4.2	17.6

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
70.60	Aran Energy	28½	+1½	...	...	26.0
25.90	Arcon Intl▲	45	+7	...	...	...
	Atl Oil & Gas	69¼	+¼	...	...	...
16.70	Aviva Pet	52	...	...	...	...
2.44	Beverley	7	...	...	...	...
105.90	Br Borneo	295 †	+11	7.1	3.1	49.6
12,875.00	British Gas	297	+2½	...	6.3	∞
21,282.30	Br Petroleum	390 †	+17	...	3.7	32.6
24.40	Bula Resources	3½	+1	...	...	...
1,638.00	Burmah Castrl	840	+25	...	4.1	17.2
40.80	Cairn Energy	63	+2	...	...	9.0
590.70	Calor Gp	322	+7	...	4.9	18.4
134.80	Clyde Pet	35	+1	...	...	...
34.50	Conlex Res	20½	+¼	...	...	...
8.17	Edin Oil & Gas▲	23½	...	...	...	...
2,248.40	Enterprise	457 †	+18	...	4.4	28.4
128.40	Exp Co Louis	68	...	...	...	...
58.20	Falklands Intl	34	+1	...	...	...
32.20	Fortune	9½	...	...	5.2	...
86.50	Goal Pet	66 †	+1	1.4	2.7	12.6
43.00	Gt Western Res	38	+1	...	...	...
178.40	Hardy O & G	158	+5	...	0.8	14.7
70.90	Kelt Energy	46	+1	...	...	...
1,273.90	LASMO	132 †	+8½	...	1.2	...
3.93	-do- Units	54 †	...	...	9.4	71.0
7.79	Mid Scot Res▲	3½	-½	...	...	...
424.00	Monument	65½	+3½	...	...	...
3.52	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
125.50	Oil Search	41	+2	...	...	...
	Petroz	34½	+½	...	...	...
82.00	Pict Pet	159	+3	...	...	...
142.10	Premier	28	+2½	...	...	9.6
32.60	Presidio	128	...	...	3.2	...
408.40	Ranger	415	-15	...	3.9	...
39,128.90	Royal Dtch Pl	7300	+300½	...	4.3	20.1
8,464.00	Schlumberger	3407½	-90½	...	2.3	...
28.80	Seafield	56	+1	...	...	∞
24,133.20	Shell	728 †	+12	...	4.1	22.1
3.89	Sunrise Eng Sv	133	...	...	...	...
18.20	Villers Grp	15½	+½	...	...	...
1,362.70	Woodside	204½	-9½	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
29.20	AG Holdings	162	...	...	4.1	14.7
81.10	API	388	...	...	2.7	34.4
2,375.70	Arjo Wiggins	291½	+1½	...	2.8	48.9
65.20	Abbott Mead	635	-34	10.5	2.1	∞
201.50	Aegis Gp	25	...	...	...	...
23.80	Aspen Comms▲	175	-5	4.9	3.6	∞
1.49	BBB Designs▲	18	-2	...	...	...
135.60	Bemrose	429 †	-1½	11.7	3.4	∞
9.06	Birtakie	10	+¼	...	...	...
784.00	Bunzl	185 †	+4	...	2.8	22.8
50.50	CIA Gp	380 †	...	5.1	1.7	∞
40.90	Capital Inds	148 †	+¼	...	...	...
6.21	City of Lon▲	80	...	...	0.0	14.8
33.20	Cropper (Jmes)	402	-10	3.2	1.0	18.8
9.15	Delyn Group	108	-2	1.6	1.9	14.5
29.30	Dolphin Pack	124	...	4.5	4.6	∞
9.57	Dudley Jenkins▲	80	...	...	4.9	17.5
26.80	Elswick	13	...	...	2.9	14.5
30.40	Fairway Group▲	65	-1	...	4.4	19.4
131.30	Ferguson Intl	398	+2	...	3.9	18.0
19.50	Ferry Pick	145 †	...	...	4.6	...
51.20	Filofax▲	237	+4	...	0.9	28.0
3.56	Flrth	10	...	...	...	...
12.80	Gibbon Lyons▲	141	-1	3.2	4.6	15.9
46.60	Gold Greenlees	177	+2	8.4	6.0	16.0
12.90	Goodhead	31	-1	...	0.2	∞
15.00	Hunterprint	28	-3	...	...	...
7.57	Intereurope	147 †	+17	...	6.6	13.3
80.60	Jarvis Porter	280	-2	...	2.2	28.1
14.30	Lopex	27	-1	...	1.2	∞
10.80	MMI	29½	...	...	...	...
124.20	More O'Ferrall	382 †	-3	13.2	4.3	∞
52.80	MSC Group	120	...	2.7	2.9	18.5
16.70	Osborne & Little	273	+3	...	2.3	30.0
14.70	Osprey Comms	56	+13	...	0.2	∞
421.20	Portals	650	+2	...	3.1	18.7
6.51	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
57.20	Quarto	311 †	+4	6.0	2.4	∞
408.90	St Ives Gp	411	+7	...	1.7	27.1
286.10	Saatchi	130	+1	...	...	25.6
777.00	Sappi	517½	+7½	...	6.4	9.8
19.70	Serif	26½	...	...	...	...
40.80	Shandwick	48½	-2½	...	...	...
842.80	Smith David	545	+34	...	2.3	37.2
1,556.70	Smurfit (Jefs)	300	+6	...	1.6	7.7
2.24	Sonic	112	...	2.5	2.8	45.9
50.50	Stat-Plus	235 †	-½	8.8	4.7	∞
63.50	Taylor Nelson	29	+1½	0.4	2.0	∞
10.90	TTB▲	138	+2	...	3.4	20.8
656.00	WPP	126	+9	...	1.0	18.7
188.20	Wace	240	...	...	1.8	∞
203.70	Waddington (J)	353	...	...	4.0	19.0
315.10	Watmough	471 †	-1	...	1.8	28.8
4.54	Wespons▲	3½	...	...	...	...
1.98	Whinney Mcka▲	30	...	...	...	...
17.30	Wyndeham	105	+1	...	1.8	23.5

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
79.30	Allied Lon	114	+7	...	4.0	15.3
27.20	Arcadian	39	-2	...	...	...
36.00	Ascot Hldgs	7	-½	...	...	...
92.90	Asda	128	+7	...	2.1	12.4
64.70	Avonside	149 †	-2½	...	3.5	∞
7,445.80	BCE▲	2431¼	-37½	...	...	...
266.00	Bilton	606	-23	19.2	4.1	∞
55.00	Bourne End	100	...	...	1.3	∞
337.20	Bradford	235	+2	5.9	3.1	23.8
6.24	Bredero	17	...	...	...	...
1,346.60	Br Land	409	+9	...	2.3	37.3
546.80	Brixton	236	+14	...	4.5	18.7
309.10	Burford	104	+6	...	1.7	33.5
82.10	Cap & Regnl▲	180	...	...	1.0	∞
8.27	Cardiff Prop	300	...	...	1.0	67.1
261.30	Chelsfield	167	+6	...	1.8	...
118.20	Chesterfield	600	...	11.5	2.4	42.9
10.50	Cty Site Ests	68	+2	...	...	...
13.50	Clarke Nickolls	25	+2½	...	...	32.2
5.93	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
52.60	Conrad Ritbt Of	44	+6	...	...	...
263.20	Daejan	1615	+10	...	2.1	19.9
5.77	Davis Estates	16½	+1	...	...	...
51.90	Debenham Twsn	124	+1	...	3.3	23.6
6.14	De Morgan	13	-1	...	...	...
30.10	Dencora	109	-4	3.0	2.2	...
68.30	Derwent Hldgs	588 †	-34	...	2.0	25.2
65.70	Development Sec	30½	-1	...	...	...
28.70	Dwyer	56	...	...	...	...
27.00	Estates Agency	450	-10	...	2.9	54.0
7.06	Estates Gen	33	...	...	...	...
141.50	Evans Of Leeds	107	+5	...	2.8	18.9
38.50	Ex-Lands	35	+¼	...	1.2	...
22.70	Five Oaks	30½	...	...	0.8	...
6.34	Fletcher King	73	-1	1.0	1.7	48.4
243.90	Frogmore	482 †	+26½	...	4.2	21.2
56.70	Grainger	283	+5	...	2.3	50.6
677.30	Gr Portland	222	+10	...	4.5	21.2
166.50	Greycoat	19½	...	...	...	...
5,604.80	HK Land	208½	+13	...	4.2	...
230.40	Hambro Cntyw	70	+5	0.7	1.3	∞
1,130.30	Hammerson	396 †	+41½	...	3.2	45.4
53.90	Helical Bar	332	...	...	1.8	11.9
56.50	Hemingway	34½	+¼	...	1.5	...
9.60	Herring Baker	60	-1	3.7	7.8	13.1
4.90	Jermyn	265	...	...	...	...
3,455.20	Land Sec	677½	+42½	23.1	4.3	20.2
[illegible]	Lon-March Sec	105	+5	4.0	4.8	16.5
0.82	Lon & Metro	15	...	...	...	...
2,018.70	MEPC	496	+12	...	3.0	28.5
6.32	McInerney A	10½	...	...	...	...
42.70	McKay Secs	174	...	3.5	2.5	29.9
[illegible]	Marlwade	71	...	...	...	...
11.80	Moorfield Est	35	-5	...	3.7	∞
38.00	Mountview	1265½	-9½	22.0	2.2	13.2
160.10	Muckow (A&J)	164	+1	...	4.8	23.4
2.39	OEM	39	...	...	...	...
8.64	Olives Prop	44 †	...	...	...	...
22.90	ORB	7½	...	...	...	...
193.20	PRT	159	+8	4.3	3.4	31.5
275.30	Peel	345	+8	4.3	1.6	...
8.14	Power Corp	7	...	...	...	...
6.64	Property Trust	35	+4	...	...	10.0
42.10	Raglan	46	+3	...	...	...
39.20	Regalian	33½	+1	...	...	...
20.60	Rowlinson Secs	165	...	1.5	1.1	20.6
62.00	St Modwen Prp	51½	...	...	2.4	21.6
66.00	Saville Grdn (I)	66	+2	...	5.1	25.8
32.80	Savills	91	+1	...	2.4	36.0
121.30	Scot Met	93	+5	...	2.1	...
56.90	Shaftesbury	117	+1	...	...	...
1.54	Shield	18	...	...	...	8.4
981.00	Slough Estates	255 †	+5	8.1	4.0	∞
78.50	Southend Prop	73	-1	...	4.1	...
58.10	Stanhope Prps	35	...	...	...	...
44.60	TBI	26½	-½	...	...	...
105.10	Tops Ests	227	...	2.1	1.2	...
143.50	Town Centre	140	+1	...	3.2	24.8
67.90	Trafford Park	100 †	+2½	...	3.6	23.0
1.56	UK Land	36	...	...	...	...
17.40	Union Square	9	...	...	...	...
132.70	Warner	273	+9	...	5.0	21.2
95.20	Warnford	248	...	7.5	3.8	18.2
2.76	Wateglade	2½	-½	...	...	...
121.90	Wates	79	+2	...	...	...
7.79	Wood John D▲	95	...	...	1.0	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2.34	Automagica	41	+2	...	...	...
76.30	Headlam	277 †	-2½	...	1.8	∞
18.80	Lambert	315 †	-¼	13.7	5.5	∞
14.70	Pittards	68 †	+9	...	1.8	...
48.40	Strong & Fisher	23 †	...	...	5.4	15.7
46.50	Stylo	243	-2	...	2.1	∞
24.60	UK Safety	64 †	+5	...	5.1	13.4

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
194.00	Allied Text	559	+4	...	2.9	19.3
7.21	Beckman (A)	59	+2	...	7.7	12.4
3.75	Bolton Gp	41	+2	...	...	...
26.00	Br Mohair	196 †	...	...	5.4	26.6
3.18	Chargwell▲	51	...	...	...	...
194.40	Claremont Ga	364 †	-6½	7.1	2.8	∞
554.50	Courtauld Text	549 †	+7	...	3.2	19.3
3.77	Cupid▲	21	+9	...	...	...
254.60	Dawson	163	...	...	5.8	12.4
5.48	Drummond	31	...	...	...	...
8.53	Fanpel▲	73	-5	4.9	8.4	11.3
2.92	Foster (John)	26	...	...	...	...
7.27	Gaskell	160	...	...	...	...
36.80	Hicking Pntcst	225	...	...	3.4	...
4.75	Jerome (S)	63	...	...	2.4	15.8
132.70	Lamont	441	+3	...	0.4	...
90.70	Leeds	337	+36	12.5	3.6	...
5.63	Lyles (S)	78	-3	...	2.2	16.7
44.60	Magellan	175 †	+1½	1.4	5.3	...
20.20	Parkland	229	+13	...	1.0	...
198.00	Readicut	100½	-1½	...	0.9	...
2.53	SEET	63	+8	...	4.3	18.9
64.50	Shiloh	128 †	+1	...	...	...
50.20	Stirling Gp	38	-2	1.9	5.3	8.8
25.30	Stoddard	36	...	...	4.1	16.1
19.50	Tomkinsons	315	-1	...	5.2	35.5
16.90	West Trust	40	+1	...	4.6	26.7
24.00	Yorklyde	240	-5	...	2.8	15.7

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
13,652.40	BAT	443½	-8½	...	5.7	12.4
2,575.60	Rothmans	388	-10	...	4.0	12.2

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,038.40	Assoc Br Ports	583 †	+18	...	2.1	20.8
4,997.60	BAA	978	+5	...	2.1	24.5
111.50	Badgerline	120	+6	...	4.3	...
4,083.10	Br Airways	428	+4	...	3.2	18.0
19.50	Clarkson (H)	87	...	1.7	2.5	∞
1,396.00	Eurotunnel Uts	518	+23	...	...	...
14.00	Fisher (James)	58	+3	...	...	...
45.30	Gold Steam	302 †	-2	...	...	...
11.90	Jacobs (JI)	54 †	+6½	3.3	3.6	11.5
66.70	Lon O'seas Frt	49	-3	...	7.6	∞
405.00	Mersey Docks	454 †	-11	...	1.4	17.2
127.60	Natl Express	319 †	-11	...	2.5	22.0
1,677.10	NFC	242	+26	...	2.9	∞
453.30	Ocean Group	390	+16	...	3.7	37.0
23.70	Ocean Wilson	85	+11	...	6.3	14.2
4,438.60	P & O Dfd	741 †	+6	4.0	5.8	15.4
107.30	P & O 5 1/2%	161	+53	...	5.1	∞
442.50	Powell Duffryn	468	+1	...	4.3	...
22.30	Seacon▲	246	-4	...	4.2	21.2
259.90	Stagecoach	90	...	...	3.2	20.4
590.70	TNT	193	+15	...	2.5	23.5
339.40	Tibbet & Britn	103¼	-2	...	...	...
44.30	Tiphook	815 †	+4½	14.2	2.2	∞
283.50	TDG	40	-4	...	...	...
29.80	Ugland	260 †	+5	...	4.6	12.5
31.80	Utd Carriers	123	+3	...	...	...

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,477.50	Anglian Water	499	+1	...	5.4	8.8
58.70	Mid Kent Hldgs	343	-2	...	3.9	12.7
422.40	Northumbrian	623	-2	...	4.6	7.3
1,928.40	North West	517	+4	...	5.3	8.5
1,500.70	Severn Trent	535	+1	...	5.1	7.8
903.80	Sthn Water	596	-17	...	3.1	7.5
82.00	Sth Staffs	1551	...	18.5	3.9	11.1
657.60	South West	524	-16	...	5.8	8.5
1,972.90	Thames Water	502	+6	...	5.4	8.5
300.70	Welsh Water	624	...	...	4.6	8.3
785.00	Wessex Water	525	-9½	...	4.4	9.9
1,018.00	Yorkshire W	509	+2	...	5.4	8.5

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
1,100	Exch 13¼% 1994	100	...	13.50	...
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	100	-	9.93	5.06
1,340	Exch 12¼% 1994	102	-	12.18	5.00
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	102 †	-	8.81	5.11
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	105	...	11.41	5.69
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	97 †	-	3.07	5.08
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	105	...	9.71	5.58
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	110 †	-	11.56	5.79
770	Treas 14% 1996	113	...	12.36	6.00
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	117 †	-	13.01	6.19
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	113	-	11.88	6.23
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	108 †	-	9.26	6.56
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	117	...	11.25	6.70
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	109	...	9.59	6.76
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	105	...	8.33	6.87
600	Exch 15% 1997	124 †	+	12.07	7.06
3,950	Exch 9¾% 1998	108	+	8.99	7.12
7,850	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	+	7.20	7.06
1,300	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99	+	6.79	6.91
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	122	+	11.39	7.37
935	Treas 15½% 1998	130	+	11.87	7.28
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	117 †	+	10.20	7.39
1,600	Treas 9½% 1999	108	+	8.75	7.31

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
3,900	Treas 6% 1999	95	+	6.31	7.11
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	119	+	10.28	7.50
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	112 †	+	9.31	7.43
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	112	+	9.12	7.50
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	107	+	8.39	7.44
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	125	+	10.33	7.70
3,250	Treas 7% 2001	97 †	+	7.19	7.45
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	112	+	8.91	7.67
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	112	+	8.68	7.72
7,600	Treas 8% 2003	102	+	7.80	7.60
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	115	+	8.69	7.72
1,620	Treas 11¼% 2001-04	119	+	9.66	7.87
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	76	+	4.55	6.65
3,250	Treas 6¾% 2004	94	+	7.13	7.49
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	113 †	+	8.40	7.67
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	113 †	+	8.37	7.88
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129	+	9.63	7.99
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	101	+	7.89	7.74
3,800	Treas 7¾% 2006	101	+	7.67	7.62
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123	+	9.53	7.99
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	106	+	7.97	7.66
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	137	+	9.83	7.99
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	111	+	8.06	7.67

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	102	+	7.78	7.66
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	112	+	7.97	7.66
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	113	+	7.94	7.66
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	80	+	6.80	7.41
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	101	+	7.67	7.65
4,950	Treas 8% 2013	103	+2	7.71	7.63
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	140	+	8.55	7.84
6,950	Treas 8¾% 2017	111	+2	7.82	7.64

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
1,909	War LN 3½%	45	+	7.69	...
475	Treas 2½%	31	+	8.06	...

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	197	...	...	...
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	198	+	2.20	3.19
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108 †	+	2.43	3.09
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	169	+	2.78	3.14
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	169 †	+	2.90	3.19
650	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	113 †	+	2.90	3.18
1,350	Treas IL 2% 2006	175	+	2.99	3.21
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	158 †	+	3.15	3.34
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2011	164	+	3.20	3.37
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	139	+	3.24	3.40
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2016	144	+	3.31	3.46
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	139 †	+	3.36	3.49
1,000	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110	+	3.35	3.46

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Consumers demand more say in utilities

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government is mistaken in not providing independent consumer bodies as part of the regulatory regime for the privatised electricity and water industries, the independent Gas Consumers' Council says. The criticism adds to mounting disquiet about utility regulation.

Peter Hain, the Labour MP for Neath, will tomorrow publish proposals for reshaping regulation. He will argue that regulatory bodies are undemocratic and unaccountable, and too heavily centred on the individual regulators themselves.

In its annual report to Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, the Gas Consumers' Council argues for independent consumer representation in regulating utilities.

James Cooper, the chairman, says the council has brought better practice in the gas industry, better regulation and a better deal for customers.

He says: "The fact that legislation to privatise electricity and water did not provide for independent consumer bodies reflects more recent government thinking. I believe this is mistaken."

The "outstanding" performance of British Gas since privatisation in 1986, he says, has led to price reductions of about a fifth, allowing for inflation.

But the council warns that these benefits could be cancelled out by the VAT increases on fuel now in force and the environmental levy, the so-called E-factor, on the price of gas.

The council says British Gas's decision to close more than 200 of its 427 gas showrooms will worsen debt problems among gas consumers and lead to more disconnections.

British Gas cut off 16,068 customers last year — 2.3 per cent more than in 1992.

Eurotunnel investors look for details to emerge on cash call

ALL eyes will be on Eurotunnel on Thursday when the Channel tunnel group, co-chaired by Sir Alastair Morton and André Bénard, is due to make a financial statement and issue a progress report.

There are no profits to report yet, but analysts and investors will be hoping for light at the end of the tunnel as they await news on the much-delayed opening for both passenger and freight services. Inauguration by the Queen and President Mitterrand is due on May 6, with a phased limited service due to begin later in May or in June, although full shuttle services are unlikely before autumn.

Eurotunnel has settled its battle with TransManche Link, its contractor, but the City awaits the precise size of the hefty rights issue needed to complete funding of the project. Analysts now think that original market expectations of a £500 million cash call may fall short by up to £250 million. Many think that Eurotunnel may seek to tap shareholders for the best part of £750 million, though informed estimates suggest a total nearer £600 million.



TODAY

Morgan Crucible, the industrial materials group, is expected to unveil a modest advance in full-year pre-tax profits, to £63 million, compared with £61.3 million, according to Geoff Allum, of NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £63 million to £71 million.

Mr Allum says that the figures should show Morgan's actions over the past year to have lived up to the City's best expectations, with cash flow improving. Net debt, however, will still be high, at about £158 million, with gearing at about 60 per cent, because of adverse currency movements and deferred payments for acquisitions. A dividend held at 12.6p is predicted. Analysts will be hoping for news on the long-awaited sale of the Holt Lloyd car care business. Proceeds from disposal of the operation, which is considered to be outside the group's core carbon and ceramics businesses, may amount to £55 million, cutting gearing to about 32 per cent.

Interims: CentreGold, Creston Land & Estates, Waste Management (Q1). **Finals:** BDA Holdings, Bisichi Mining, Britannia Group, Densitron Intl, Johnson Fry Holdings, Linton Park, London & Associated Inv, Mid-States, Morgan Crucible. **Economic statistics:** CBI survey of distributive trades (March), producer price index numbers (March).

TOMORROW

Ibstock Johnsen, the building materials group, is expected to break even or report a modest loss before exceptional charges at the full-year stage. Ibstock, which took a £20.2 million hit on interim profits, mainly to cover the closing one of its two Portuguese pulp mills, is expected to report a £17.9 million loss after exceptionals (£27.5 million loss), according to S G Warburg. Loss forecasts are £16-£19 million. A maintained 1p dividend is expected.

Interims: St Ives. **Finals:** Asda Property Holdings, Bodycote Intl, Boosey & Hawkes, Chelsfield, Golden Vale, Ibstock Johnsen, Signet Group. **Economic statistics:** Half-yearly update of seasonal adjustments to monetary aggregates, financial statistics (April), construction — new orders (February).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Data General Corp, Fleming Japanese Inv, Office & Electronic Machines, Shires High-Yielding Smaller Companies (D). **Finals:** Bantalls, Country Casuals Holdings, Dancora, English National Inv, Havelock Europe, William Jacks, London American Growth Trust, Sherwood Computer Svcs. **Economic statistics:** Public sector borrowing requirement (March), labour market statistics: unemployment and unfilled vacancies (March — provisional); average earnings indices (February — provisional); employment, hours productivity and unit wage costs; industrial disputes, workforce in employment.

THURSDAY

Andrew Porter, of UBS, expects first-quarter profits of **SmithKline Beecham** to advance to £347 million (£307 million), with an increased dividend of 2.76p (2.53p). Attention is likely to focus on prospects with the US patent for Tagamet, SB's anti-ulcer drug, about to expire.

Final pre-tax profits of **Etam**, the fashion chain, are expected to reach £14 million (£10.9 million), UBS says, with a 7.4p dividend (6.5p).

Interims: British Empire Securities & General Trust, Albert Fisher Group, William Low & Company, Molyneux Estates, Royal Bank of Canada Government Sterling Fund, SmithKline Beecham (Q1), Sphere Investment Trust, Wew Group. **Finals:** Austin Reed Group, Henry Boot & Sons, British Dredging, Caird Group, Cannon St Inv, Etam, Eurotunnel, Helical Bar, Liberty, Oriel Group, RPH, Tie Rack, United Energy, Yorkdyke. **Economic statistics:** Engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (February), retail sales (March), provisional figures for vehicle production (March).

FRIDAY

Finals: Joseph Holt, Le Creuset, Parambe, Reed Executive, River & Merc Geared Capital, H C Slingsby. **Economic statistics:** Building societies March figures, major British banking groups' monthly statement (end-March), provisional estimates of M4 and counterparts (March).

PHILIP PANGALOS

Medium-sized groups dissatisfied with banks

DISENCHANTMENT of medium-sized UK companies with their banks is so great that three quarters of them are ready to change banks or bring in a second bank. According to a survey from MeesPierson, the merchant banking subsidiary of ABN Amro, the Dutch bank group, 62.7 per cent of firms with turnovers between £10 million and £125 million are willing to change banks, up from 55 per cent last year. The figure rises to 73.9 per cent if firms prepared to bring in a second bank are included.

Only one firm in six said its bank manager knew its business well. Firms were also unhappy about fast turnover of bank managers.

Lloyd's denies new deal

LITIGATING names cannot expect any more money from Lloyd's, the corporation said last night. Any extra offer would have to come from errors and omissions underwriters. Names rejected an offer of £900 million in February. Lloyd's denied reports that it was attempting to bring together underwriters and agents to discuss a new offer. Meanwhile, the proportion of underwriters expecting an improvement in rates and premium income has fallen to its lowest since September 1991, the Lloyd's Quarterly Trends shows.

Poundstretcher cash

TWO investors pumping a potential £28 million into the loss-making Poundstretcher discount chain have been cleared by the City takeover panel to take their holding in Brown & Jackson, the parent company, over 30 per cent without a full bid. Vera and Gerald Weisfeld had agreed to inject the necessary fresh cash by taking convertible loan stock and options on further B&J shares, giving them as much as 41 per cent in due course. The company's bankers have now agreed to further facilities to allow the business to continue trading.

Guidelines from PIRC

SHAREHOLDERS should vote against executive share option schemes as they presently stand says Pensions & Investment Research Consultants, in a new set of guidelines. Among PIRC's recommendations is that share option schemes should be open equally to all employees and not just senior executives. It is also against executive directors who do not have to stand for re-election, as this makes them unaccountable to shareholders, and wants to see the roles of chairman and chief executive separated.

Atlantic writ likely

CREDITORS of the collapsed Atlantic Computers, who had been told to expect a 16p in the pound interim payment, could receive nothing if a £1 billion lawsuit against the company goes ahead. Ernst & Young, administrator of British & Commonwealth, which failed in 1990 after buying Atlantic, is expected to issue the writ, on the ground that Atlantic had misstated its financial position. Price Waterhouse, Atlantic's receiver, has issued a "protective writ" against the company's auditor, Spicer & Pegler, now part of Touche Ross.



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Barclaycard offer lifts demand 80 per cent

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

BARCLAYCARD staff may soon start working round the clock to process a growing number of Visa and Mastercard applications. Requests are pouring in at the rate of 7,000 a day, 80 per cent up on this time last year. This follows Barclaycard's offer to transfer credit card borrowings from other companies.

Barclaycard said its volume of new business was at its highest for six years. Last week, Government figures showed that consumers borrowed £277 million in net new credit in February, up from £235 million in January. Borrowing on bank credit cards rose to £2.9 billion, while borrowing from finance houses rose to £1.9 billion.

Meanwhile, the first mail-shots asking people to apply for the new Ford Barclaycard are being posted in the next two weeks. Details of the card, launched at the beginning of this year, are being sent to those who have registered their interest, as well as Ford customers. Those using the card will be able to build up £600 a year of points towards a new Ford car. Barclays' normal £10 annual fee will be waived for the first year. Existing Barclaycard customers can use their existing cards to build up car points.

Competition is increasing between card suppliers seeking to increase their customer base without increasing the risk. Luring established customers from other card companies is one answer.

Answers from page 44

FADY

(b) Tending to fade, shading off by degrees into a paler hue, from *to fade* + *-y*: "The vivid vermeil left his fady cheek." "Planted with yew-trees, then firs, then with trees more and more fady."

FRISCO

(a) A brisk movement in dancing, a caper, origin obscure, perhaps a pseudo-Italian form of *frisk*: "He fetched at last such a frisco that he fell down and brake his neck." "Observe the frisco, be enchanted with the rare discord of bells, pipes and tabours."

SCAD

(c) A slab of peat, a tuft of grass, dialect, *cf.* Dutch *schadde* grass, turf: "I kep un theer, and vather, he turned up the scads." "Two and two the scads stood propped in pairs to dry."

SHUFF

(b) An inferior class of brick, from an English dialect variant of *shy*: "The principal varieties of bricks were called 'malm paviors', 'stocks', 'grizzles', 'places', and 'shuffs'." "The shuffs were sold for an inferior price governed by their quality, as they were frequently quite rotten."

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Finland Mkk	8.78	7.98
France Fr	9.06	8.36
Germany Dm	2.67	2.46
Greece Dr	386.50	361.50
Hong Kong $	12.04	11.04
Ireland Pt	1.08	1.00
Italy Lira	2495.00	2340.00
Japan Yen	168.00	151.00
Malta	0.631	0.576
Netherlds Gld	2.972	2.742
Norway Kr	11.50	10.70
Portugal Esc	268.00	249.50
S Africa Rd	6.00	5.10
Spain Pta	212.00	198.00
Sweden Kr	12.23	11.43
Switzerland Fr	2.26	2.08
Turkey Lira	0	50614.0
USA $	1.571	1.441

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Part-time solutions that mask full-time problems

The Government claims to have injected flexibility into the labour market, but Philip Bassett wonders if it is merely stretching the figures

JULIAN HERBERT



Danielle Lewis works a 27-hour week as a deputy supervisor in Marks and Spencer's Marble Arch store

At American haulage depots, members of the Teamsters' union are currently manning picket lines in their first nationwide strike since 1979. Ron Carey, US Teamsters' president, is unequivocal about the importance of the strike. "We take no pleasure in a strike that causes disruption for other businesses and the average citizen," he says. "But this is a fight for the long-term interests of all working Americans. We have no choice but to strike."

What is significant about the strike is not just its rarity — in the US, as in Britain, strikes are now much rarer than they used to be — but its cause: at its core it is a protest against moving full-time truckers on to part-time work.

Britain has not yet seen such overt opposition to the growth of part-time working, even though the Government is keen to see the British labour market emulate the flexibility of labour in the US, which the strike shows is now spreading to the very heartland of regulated, unionised work.

David Hunt, UK employment secretary who will this week unveil the latest unemployment figures in what ministers hope will be a continuation of last month's fall, is clear about the Government's support for part-time working.

In Luxembourg tomorrow, at the first social affairs council under Greece's EU presidency, he will argue against moves to restrict the work young people can do, pressing instead Britain's case for labour market flexibility, and handing around the UK's response to the green paper on future European social policy from Padraig Flynn, EU social affairs commissioner.

In its response, the UK Government says: "Part-time working provides a valuable opportunity for people to combine work with family responsibilities. It is wrong and damaging to denigrate part-time and other new patterns of work as 'second-rate'."

It is a "fallacy", Mr Hunt's department says, "to suppose that more flexible labour markets will produce only low-paid, low-quality jobs or that labour market reform is to be rejected unless it can guarantee to produce only traditional full-time, highly paid jobs."

A fallacy ministers may claim it to be, but it is clear that the flexibility the Government cites as the main reason not only for the fall in unemployment but for the fact that it has fallen so soon in the economic recovery, has produced, so far, mostly part-time jobs.

Since spring 1990, according to the Government's Labour Force Survey, the number of full-time jobs has fallen by 1.2 million, or more than 6 per cent, while part-time jobs have risen by 309,000, or 5.5 per cent.

The trend has been accelerating as unemployment has fallen. Over the year to the end of 1993, the LFS shows that full-time jobs fell by 181,000, or almost 1 per cent, while part-time work rose by 220,000 — more than two-thirds of the entire growth in the recession — or almost 4 per cent.

How much this accounts for the fall in unemployment — claimant unemployment is down by nearly 211,000, or 7 per cent, since January last year — is an issue of close argument among labour market analysts. How many people are getting work part-time? How many are simply moving out of the labour market altogether?

One largely unexamined perspective on this argument is how employers calculate part-time working. Take one of the most experienced and sophisticated managers of part-time work in Britain — Marks and Spencer. The high street store employs, at the last count, a total of 51,897 workers. Of these 16,555 are full-timers, while 35,342 — more than double the full-time total — are part-time.

M&S, though, also calculates what are known as FTEs, full-time equivalents, to give a sense of its real job totals. These are made up not from the simplistic calculations of some employment analysts but from precise monitoring of actual hours worked. M&S calculates its FTEs by dividing the standard working week of 39 hours by the number of hours part-timers actually work, so that three part-timers working 13 hours each equates to one FTE. By this measure, M&S — widely regarded as one of Britain's best employers — calculates it currently has 33,251 full-time equivalents in its workforce.

Applying the M&S test to Britain's part-time army — almost a quarter of the UK workforce — produces rather different results for the whole economy than for a prime high street employer.

Though the most recent figures show that the average number of hours actually worked has picked up slightly with the fall in unemployment, hours worked have fallen in the recession. For full-timers who were averaging 41 hours in early 1990, the average is 38.2 now. But this 6.8 per cent drop is proportionately a good deal less than the 9.2 per cent fall in the hours worked by the women who make up the overwhelming 85 per cent of the part-time workforce: down from 17.3 hours at the start of the recession to 15.7 now. Within such totals, the pattern is even more complex. Unpublished LFS figures show that the real growth in part-time work is in very short hours — between zero and seven per week. This band already accounts for more than a third of all part-time hours. Over the 12 months to the end of 1993, an analysis by *The Times* shows that the number of part-timers working 0-7 hours has risen by 154,000, or over 5 per cent — more than double the rise in those working 16-23 or 24-30 hours, and three times those working 8-15 hours. At the same time, the number working more than 31 hours has fallen by as many as 316,000.

	Full time	Part time
	Thousands	
1984	18,378	4,836
1985	18,532	4,950
1986	18,527	5,039
1987	18,659	5,228
1988	19,289	5,399
1989	20,060	5,544
1990	20,244	5,612
1991	19,696	5,635
1992	18,956	5,702
Summer 1992	18,801	5,719
Autumn 1992	18,644	5,693
Winter 92-93	18,565	5,717
Spring 1993	18,556	5,807
Summer 1993	18,518	5,830
Autumn 1993	18,501	5,921

Source: Labour Force Survey

Run the "M&S test" over these figures, and the real impact of the growth in part-time working becomes clearer. They suggest an M&S-style FTE growth across the economy of about 162,000 "jobs". So that while FTE numbers equate to more than 94 per cent of M&S part-time numbers, across the UK workforce generally they account for less than 75 per cent — suggesting that while a traditional good employer like M&S is employing part-timers at longer and better-paid hours, the part-time jobs in the rest of the economy are much shorter-houred and therefore less well-paid.

Calculated this way, they may also be accounting for rather less of the fall in unemployment than the overall, aggregated figures indicate — suggesting in turn that a substantial part of the decline in joblessness may be more to do with people leaving the labour market altogether than ministers have been prepared to acknowledge.

What is clear is that these political, labour market and business arguments are likely to continue. Rob Wilson, of Warwick University's Institute of Employment Research, says that by the year 2000, full-time employment is likely to fall by a further 400,000. Male employment will fall more than the total as the number of women in full-time work will rise during the period. The number of people in part-time work will rise by close to three-quarters of a million.

Expressed in full-time equivalents, such large growth in part-time jobs will soak up a great number of people who had been in full-time work, especially at a time when unemployment is not expected to fall much, and may even rise, pushed up by the expected growth in the labour force overall.

Some of what has been happening to jobs in the economy may become clearer on Wednesday when the Government publishes significant revisions to its employer-based survey figures on the number of people in work.

Unemployment will again, rightly, make the headlines. But if unemployment continues to fall in Britain, as it has done in the US, then the tensions generated by structural change in the labour market, exemplified in the Teamsters' strike, may threaten the "acceptance of the inevitable" that has characterised high unemployment and labour market flexibility in the UK.

Bypass the Mikado for a rational debate on taxes



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Wood Green County Court, in North London, witnessed on Friday the bizarre dénouement of one voter's startlingly direct attempt to further the cause of "hypothecation" in the tax system. Back on Budget day in 1989, Stuart Holmes, described by a court reporter as a "guitar-playing anti-smoking campaigner" of no fixed abode, approached Nigel Lawson in St James's Park, where the Chancellor of the day had repaired with his wife for the traditional spontaneous photocall. Mr Holmes bore a placard inscribed "Spend cig tax on cig prevention" and shouted: "spend tobacco tax on protecting children, Mr Lawson". He was promptly arrested, with some force: hence the court case.

The jury awarded Mr Holmes £250 in damages, but Judge Kenneth Zucker unsportingly took it away in costs. Paddy Ashdown would have been more sympathetic. That very evening the Liberal Democrat leader, doubtless unaware of events in Wood Green, sang the praises of "hypothecation" with gusto in a lecture at Stirling University. Taxes should be earmarked for specific spending, he urged, with "the clarity and simplicity of a road toll". He reckons this could help restore public trust. "Finding ways to recreate a sense of value for taxation must be a central element in rebuilding confidence in, and reconnecting people with, the political process."

In the 1992 election, Mr Ashdown's party certainly appeared to strike a chord by proposing an extra penny on income tax to fund more education. This was voted the most popular policy of the campaign in an opinion poll, though it seemed to do little for the party in the real one. But the perennial calls of lobbies for vehicle licence duty to be spent on roads, or fuel duty on conservation, are essentially pointless.

The main virtue of making the tax punishment fit the need is precisely for Mr Ashdown's purpose of funding a new spending proposal in a quantifiable way that voters can make sense of at election time. Mr Holmes's attempt to be a fiscal Mikado might have made more sense (except perhaps to cigarette smokers) if he had called for a specific rise in duty to fund a new anti-smoking drive aimed at the young.

As a wider way of matching spending and taxes in a complex democracy, the road toll model is silly. Indeed, it would encourage the illusion, which backfired on Labour's John Smith at the last election, that higher public spending could be paid for by others, such as high earners, businesses or utility shareholders. Even the common call for VAT on domestic fuel to be earmarked for energy conservation misses the point. The tax is being levied to meet a huge shortfall on existing spending programmes, just like the new insurance and air travel taxes. People do not feel happier about paying VAT because a chunk of it is earmarked for the European Union, a rare example of hypothecation in the existing system.

Only in financing the universal income transfers — the basic state pension and child benefit — does the principle make sense. People believe their social security contributions pay for the welfare state and that they are making a social contract between the generations. The Government insists, rightly from an accounting point of view, that they do not, thereby denying the implied right to receive at a later date the benefit you thought you were paying for. This contract could usefully be restored in a more restricted way, greatly helping the social security debate.

The honest way to discuss these things is as percentages of the national income

As that implies, Mr Ashdown's more general proposition is surely right. Political debate about taxes and spending — the raw materials for voters — is at an abysmally low, cynical level. Tory backbenchers are already relying on the Chancellor to deliver "tax cuts" in time for the next election. Yet the Treasury's own figures suggest there can be none.

At the November Budget, the burden of taxation was projected to rise from 37¾ per cent of national income in 1994-95 to 39¾ per cent in 1996-97, when there would still be a hefty deficit, though probably less than forecast at that time. Any "tax cuts" would therefore be a cosmetic fall in income tax rates, paid for by even steeper rises in other taxes and/or lower real allowances. On spending too, the Opposition can claim health spending is being cut while ministers insist we are spending loads more, according to whether they are talking in cash, inflation-adjusted or relative spending.

Yet government's virtual withdrawal from trading now makes it possible to have rational national debate on the level of public services the state should provide or can afford. If there were such a debate, the public could make real choices on programmes and on total spending and taxation.

The honest way to discuss these things is in terms of percentages of the gross national product. This year, we shall spend about 6²/₃ per cent of GDP on the National Health Service and personal social services, 5¼ per cent on education, nearly 4 per cent on defence and 2¼ per cent on law and order. (For those who think deficits do not matter, the Government will also spend about 3½ per cent of GDP on debt interest).

Do we want to raise the proportion of our income we spend on the NHS, say to 7 per cent in five years and 7.5 per cent in ten, or to increase spending in line with economic growth, or even to use savings to cut a tax burden that will surely be near the highest acceptable level by 1996-97 on the Government's projections? If Government and Opposition would work out and then say what they have in mind, voters could make an informed choice.

As Mr Ashdown implies, there would be advantages for politicians too. Suspicion among voters that the Government's reforms are aimed at cutting back the NHS could dissolve if the Government promised to maintain, or even gently raise, the proportion of GDP spent on it. The argument would then be about priorities and how to get the best value for money.

Likewise, the debate over taxes should first be on the total burden of taxation implied by spending choices and second on how to raise it. Apart from imposts such as tobacco and alcohol duties, all voters have to pay that burden one way or another, on incomes, spending, or because business taxes cut jobs or competitive pay rates. And if electors were asked to vote in terms of the tax burden, it might be spread better.

Government and Opposition squabble mainly over income tax, which accounts for only a quarter of the total. The top priority should be to cut employers' national insurance contributions. At present no party bothers to mention this tax on jobs, reckoning there are no votes in it. If we debated taxes properly, there would be.

Fiscal squeeze sets stage for midsummer rate cut

Pessimism surrounding the scope for lower base rates is overdone. Low inflation and fiscal drag will allow two further quarter-point rate cuts before the year-end. Base rates are likely to remain stable at, or slightly below, 5 per cent next year.

The economy is growing slightly above trend, but is not so buoyant that it will shrug off the developing fiscal squeeze. Tax hikes this year and next will absorb more than 4 per cent of disposable household income, while real public investment will fall by more than a sixth.

Monetary conditions are not loose enough to offset that fiscal drag. Real short-term interest rates are still about 3 per cent measured against underlying inflation, and credit growth and house prices remain relatively sluggish. The recent gilt sale has significantly tightened monetary conditions. Real yields on long conventional gilts exceed 5 per cent, a rise of more than 1.5 per cent since January. The extra spur to mortgage demand and business investment from last year's low real long rates and heavy capital issues is likely to fade as the year progresses.

With a double whammy of rising taxes and long-term mortgage rates, it is small wonder consumers' expectations are diving. If the fiscal squeeze is compounded by the sharp rise in base rates that the markets discount for the next two years, then a significant slowdown in 1995 or 1996 would be likely. Fiscal drag will need to be offset by a long period of relatively loose monetary policy.

The Bank of England's core inflation rate fell to about 2 per cent in March, and is likely to remain below its profile, at about 2 per cent, in 1995. Unless real growth hits 4 per cent, the economy will not return to normal capacity until 1996 or 1997, allowing a rerun of the early 1980s' pattern of several years of steady growth and low inflation.

The pessimists' case on inflation is based on the upturn in the CBI's capacity-use measure. However, as in the early 1980s, the initial rise in capacity use after a recession is likely to point to upturns in business investment and employment rather than signal higher inflation. Wage deals have edged up from their trough but labour conditions do not point to a significant pick-up. The male unemployment rate matches the 1980s' peak, and unemployment in the 25-49 age group is double 1990 levels. Surveys suggest firms have little problem obtaining skilled labour. Even a slight rise in wages will not prevent inflation from staying low as the effect of last year's import price surge fades. If average earnings rise 4 per cent this year, with 2 per cent productivity gains whole economy unit labour costs will rise only 2 per cent. Without a leap in import prices, that will still be consistent with 2 per cent core inflation.

Low base rates and low inflation will help to bring gilt yields lower

The March monetary minutes made clear the conditions for a further rate cut are subdued inflation and slowing activity. The first condition is in place, with core inflation undershooting forecasts. Heavy fiscal drag should produce the second, allowing a ½-point rate cut at mid-year and another in the autumn.

Low base rates and low inflation will help to bring gilt yields lower. However, the only recent period when gilt yields fell significantly below US Treasury yields was in the early 1980s. Unless the US enters a similar period of very high real yields, Treasuries are likely to continue to provide a floor for gilts. Nevertheless, once US yields stabilise, long gilt yields should fall back to 7.25 per cent at the year-end, roughly 50 basis points below present levels. That may be a slim reward after the past two bumper years, but gilts are still likely to outperform most other leading bond markets.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Radclyffe's progress

AMERICAN broking houses have ever been willing to pay for good talent, and the bonuses passed around at Goldman Sachs and others are legendary. Now, in the latest of a series of high-profile City hirings, I hear that Lehman Brothers has snapped up Nick Radclyffe from Nikko Europe to set up a Japanese desk, filling a gap in the firm's coverage. Radclyffe, 34, has a colourful career record. After Harrow and a spell in the Army, he worked as an area manager in the North of England for Courage, the brewing group, then turned to finance as a branch manager with Bradford & Bingley Building Society. He signed up with Nikko as a salesman in 1987, rising fast to become head of Japanese sales. Elsewhere, Panmure Gordon has signed Patrick Orr for its smaller companies team. He joins from Granville Davies, the broking arm of Granville & Co, the merchant bank.

Cat out of bag

HOW to get out of Hampton Court maze is a secret I shall take to my grave. But there is one secret that I am prepared to share with you — how to escape Kwik Save's irritating policy of charging shoppers at all its 841 outlets for plastic bags. Nick Goss, for Kwik Save, says it has been policy to charge for bags since the group was founded 28 years ago. Current charges are 1p for a transparent bag and 3p for what Goss describes as a multi-carrier. Kwik Save does provide cardboard boxes for heavily laden shoppers, but "we have never given away plastic bags, as some do, like confetti, so we can never be accused of recouping our costs by putting an extra 1p on items". The secret is to make sure you are at the next Kwik Save store opening, where plastic bags are given away free — but only to the first 2,000 shoppers.



EMAP's *Black Book* is a must for Arthur Daley

Insider trade

EMAP, the media group, was convinced at the weekend that it has a nice little earner in that famous secret publication of the Arthur Daley second-hand car world — the *Black Book*. The publication that gives "the trade" inside info on nationwide auction prices of second-hand cars, but is not sold to the public, came as part of EMAP's purchase of CAP Nationwide Motor Research. Finance director David Grigson knows the punters would like to get their hands on it. "Absolutely right, oh yes," he tells me. "It is the bible of the car trade and much sought-after." It does not appear that the book's new owners are planning a wider readership.

Club class

BRITAIN'S faltering golfers might have done better in the US Masters if only Tony Myles had got his platinum putter into production a bit sooner. Myles already sells 18-carat, solid gold clubs from his Golden Eagle golf business in Burnley, Lancashire, for a mere £10,000 each but with platinum at more than $400 an ounce, the platinum-headed, titanium-shafted version with calf leather grip costs £15,000 at Harrods. "There's 11 ounces of platinum in the putter," says Myles. "It's a very good investment. Platinum is the one metal that is getting fashionable again."

Good growth

What should one make of, and eventually pay for, '93 reds and whites from the *Bordelais*? Word from the region is that the futures market in the top growth has taken off, with important contracts being signed for production in the first and second growth of the Medoc. And Peter Sichel, the local British merchant who owns the two Margaux châteaux of Palmer and d'Angludet, believes consumers will end up paying 10 to 15 per cent more, on balance. Last September's rain did for most of the sweet whites, but the Merlot grape proved fine, and Sichel says the Bordeaux vineyards have on the whole produced a '93 of surprising quality, thanks to getting the balance of fruit and tannins just right.

Hot air bags

Forget radios. In America, car thieves have begun to target airbags as the latest "hot" items to steal. The cost of replacing an airbag varies from $700 to $1,200, and backstreet mechanics are willing to pay up to $150 each for them, no questions asked. The bags can be unhitched in about two minutes, but the exercise is fraught with danger. A push in the wrong place, and the thief will have an airbag inflating in his face at a rate of about 150mph. Ford, which has fitted airbags to about a million vehicles in Europe, says the trend does not appear to have reached Britain.

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2.15 Knots Landing. American drama serial (s) (8606012) **3.05 Family Affairs.** Last in the series presented by Gloria Hunniford and Caron Keating (s) (7862893)

3.35 Cartoon (6572050) **3.45 Tales of the Tooth Fairies** (3528963) **3.50 McGee and Me.** Award-winning American children's series (r) (9378296) **4.10 Conan the Adventurer** Animation (4878031) **4.35 The New Adventures of Black Beauty.** (Ceefax) (6844050)

5.00 Newsround (6712875) **5.10 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (1698128)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (314012)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (741)

6.30 Regional news magazines (321)

7.00 That's Showbusiness. Entertainment quiz hosted by Mike Smith. The guests are Barbara Windsor, Ken Bruce, George Baker and Kevin Day. (Ceefax) (s) (6741)

7.30 Watchdog. *Consumer magazine. (Ceefax) (505)*

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (2789)

8.30 Men of the World Comedy series starring David Threlfall and John Simm. (Ceefax) (s) (1296)

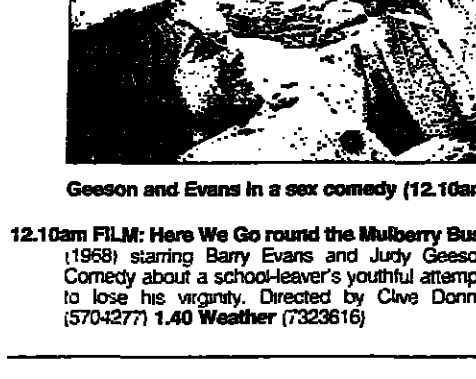
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7692)

9.30 Panorama: Hot Property. Christopher Hird investigates property development, thriving again despite the fact that three billion pounds were lost when the 1980s property boom went bust. (Ceefax) (165836)

10.10 Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit. Episode two of *the three-part dramatisation of Jeanette Winterson's* novel about a young woman's sexual awakening (r). (Ceefax) (385895)

11.10 Film 94 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *Painted Heart, Back in the USSR* and *Beyond Bedlam* (s) (168692)

11.40 Advice Shop from Southall, west London (r) (s) (393944)



Geeson and Evans in a sex comedy (12.10am)

12.10am FILM: Here We Go round the Mulberry Bush (1968) starring Barry Evans and Judy Geeson. Comedy about a school-leaver's youthful attempts to lose his virginity. Directed by Clive Donner (5704277) **1.40 Weather** (7323616)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Working Mothers **6.45** Learning for All: The Write to Choose **7.10** Handel's *Messiah* **7.35** Classical Sculpture and the Enlightenment (65358437)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (4115215)

8.15 Westminster Daily (4138166)

8.30 Under Sail: Autumn on Lough Erne. A portrait of one of Ireland's oldest yacht clubs (r) (8478627)

8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathé news clips from 40 years ago this week (7466296)

9.00 Animal Heroes. *Animation based on real-life* stories of animal heroism (5993302)

9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Philbert the Frog (38923079) **1.25-1.40** The Brollys (54233470)

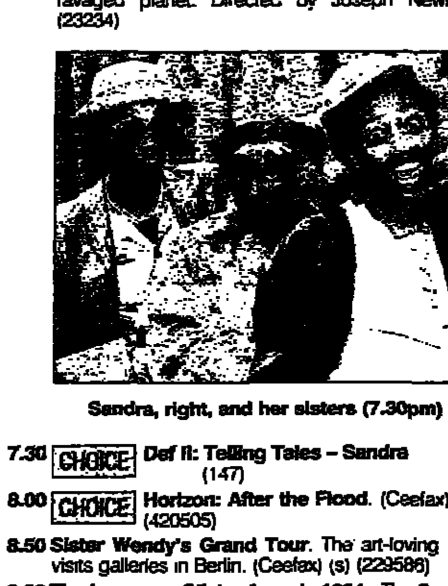
2.00 News and weather followed by **Come Outside** (r) (14814050) **2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes** (146857)

2.45 World Snooker. First-round action in the Embassy world championship from Sheffield (s) (1411383)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Songs of Praise** from Anglesey (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8617031)

3.40 World Snooker. Further coverage from the Crucible, Sheffield, introduced by David Vine. Includes **News.** (Ceefax), regional news and weather at **3.50** (79526128)

6.00 FILM: This Island Earth (1955) starring Jeff Morrow and Faith Domergue. Science fiction drama about friendly aliens who kidnap the world's top scientist in order to help them restore their war-ravaged planet. Directed by Joseph Newman (23234)



Sandra, right, and her sisters (7.30pm)

7.30 CHOICE **Def II: Telling Tales – Sandra** (147)

8.00 CHOICE **Horizon: After the Flood.** (Ceefax) (s) (420505)

8.50 Sister Wendy's Grand Tour. The art-loving nun visits galleries in Berlin. (Ceefax) (s) (229586)

9.00 The Laurence Olivier Awards 1994 The Society of London Theatre's annual celebration of dramatic excellence from the London Palladium. Among the award categories are best play, best musical and outstanding achievement in opera. (Ceefax) (s) (6963)

10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (220789)

11.15 World Snooker. Highlights of the first-round match between Alex Higgins and the number 11 seed Ken Doherty (s) (738418) **11.55 Weather** (535128)

12.00 Managing the Managers (4483819) **12.25am-1.10 Design Principles.** Symmetry (9474762)

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CHOICE



World champion Gary Havelock, right (C4, 9.00pm)

Champions: Speedway Stars
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Speedway is not a sport that figures much on television so for many this documentary will be an eye-opener. At its centre is the pony-tailed "Teesside terrier" Gary Havelock. British number one and 1992 world champion. Egged on by his dad, also a rider, he first rode a bike when he was three. At 16 he was involved in a dreadful crash which left one of his eyes hanging out of its socket. Speedway is a dangerous business and not well rewarded. Gary says he does it for the buzz, rather than the money. With his tolerant but suffering girlfriend in tow, he takes on his big rival in genteel Eastbourne. Then it is off to the world team championship, which turns into a night of almost unrelieved embarrassment.

Horizon: After the Flood
BBC2, 8.00pm

Last year's Mississippi floods, the worst on record, happened despite a century of river-taming projects by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The failure of a series of banks, dykes and dams to prevent the widespread destruction of towns and farmland has sparked a debate about the wisdom of tampering with nature. A growing body of opinion claims that river control measures are not only ineffectual but can even make flooding worse. The debate has switched to Bangladesh, which is embarking on the biggest flood control scheme. Each year flood waters play havoc with the economy and leave a terrible legacy of disease. But, as Bettina Lerner's lucid film reports, the merits of the scheme are dividing the experts

The 10%ers
ITV, 9.30pm

The Rob Grant-Doug Naylor comedy about a West End talent agency notably short on talent is promoted from last year's pilot to a seven-part series. It is easy-going, undemanding fun, with a touch of the surreal, and just what you would expect from the team that created *Red Dwarf*. Clive Francis plays the agency's ineffectual boss. Too timid to fire the ageing women secretaries, he puts the lifts out of action so that the old girls will wear themselves out climbing nine floors. The ploy, predictably, backfires. Meanwhile a rock singer client who supposedly died in a plane crash turns up in Neasden. Poor Neasden. Surely by now comedy writers could have found another London district to build their jokes around.

Telling Tales: Sandra
BBC2, 7.30pm

Sandra is 23 and was born in Bradford of parents who came here from Jamaica in the 1950s. You might think that while older members of the family would have stayed close to their black roots, she would have assimilated the British way of life. It is the other way round. When programmes about black Africa come up on television, Sandra's mother turns them off in embarrassment. Sandra, on the other hand, is determined to recover her cultural heritage. To that end she performs a comedy act to black audiences with her two sisters and wants to own a black bookshop. She regards herself as a black living in Britain rather than black British. Sadly, she does not feel accepted in Jamaica either.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (19031)

9.25 Cross Wits. Tom O'Connor hosts the crossword quiz game (2787586) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8620944)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (7405876)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (22861708) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3074012)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7068692)

12.55 Coronation Street *(r). (Teletext).* (7043383) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (73011741)

1.55 Capital Woman. Includes a visit to the Wildlife Aid Animal Rescue Centre in Leatherhead (s) (51728586) **2.25 A Country Practice.** Australian outback medical drama (s) (66328234) **2.50 The Young Doctors.** Hospital drama serial (4530789)

3.20 ITN News headlines (3019050) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3018321)

3.30 Tots TV (r) (s) (6576147) **3.40 Alphabet Castle** (r) (s) (3505012) **3.50 Cartoon.** *Who's Kitten Who (r)* (3501296) **4.00 Talespin** (r) (s) (9804091) **4.25 Where's Wally?** (r) (4668854) **4.50 Brill.** A look at unusual pets. (Teletext) (s) (1952012)

5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (1788505)

5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (662296)

6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (86505)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers. Game show hosted by Philip Schofield and Emma Forbes (s) (1437)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (58963)

8.30 Heartbeat. A repeat of the first episode of the drama series set in a Yorkshire Moors village starring Nick Berry as a policeman and Niamh *Cusack as his doctor wife. (Teletext) (s) (38673)*



Agency boss Clive Francis, centre (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **The 10%ers.** (Teletext) (s) (81050)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (52050) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (710437)

10.40 NEW **Sport in Question** introduced by Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves. The guests are Mike Gatting, Gerry Francis and Ian Wooldridge (s) (687925)

11.40 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94. Highlights from Long Beach, California, the third race in the series (803296)

12.40am The Little Picture Show (2270180)

1.40 NEW **Renegade.** Drama series about a policeman on the run after being falsely accused of murdering a fellow officer. Starring Lorenzo Lamas (s) (7917258)

2.30 Nite Bites. Recipes for insomniacs (s) (8950839)

2.40 Sport AM: *Motorcycling and football (2259432)*

3.40 FILM: Blondie Knows Best (1946, b/w). Domestic comedy starring Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake. Directed by Abby Berlin (1049426)

5.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (14180)

5.30 ITN Morning News (66646). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Star Street. Animation (r) (3236741)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (14437)

9.00 You Bet Your Life. Quiz game show hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (46499)

9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here! **9.46** Talk, Write and Read **10.02** Project It **10.18** Earth the Home Planet **10.40** The English Programme: Glittering Haze **11.07** Time for Maths **11.18** Film and Video Showcase **11.30** Geography in Place **11.45** Fourways Farm **11.55** Schools at Work (138037)

12.00 Right To Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (59963)

12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series (r) (99906) **1.30 Dr Snuggles.** Animation (r) (75499)

2.00 Homefront. Drama series about four former Second World War veterans trying to adjust to small-town American life (8616499)

2.50 Spanish Peanuts. Animation of peanuts in a Busby Berkeley-style dance routine (8967627)

2.55 Spoils of War. A *Fragile Earth* documentary examining the environmental impact of war in Mozambique and analysing South Africa's guns-for-ivory trade which has resulted in the killing of 50,000 elephants and the destruction of 240,000 square acres of forest (r). (Teletext) (s) (1145596)

3.55 Garden Club. Roy Lancaster, Matthew Biggs and Rebecca Ransom visit Edinburgh (r). (Teletext) (4429876)

4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving knock-out general knowledge quiz. The questionmaster is William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (586)

5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's topical chat and music show hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (1050)

6.00 Don't Forget Your Toothbrush (r) (s) (84147)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (850321)

7.50 Comment (Teletext) (965483)

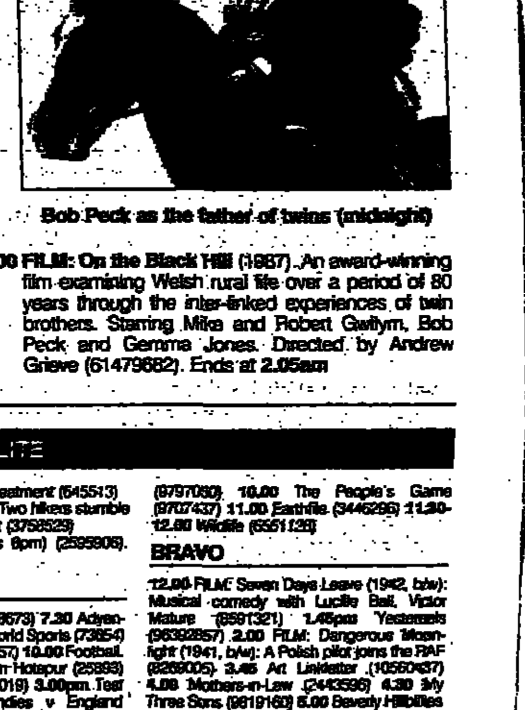
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (5499)

8.30 Only When I Laugh. Hospital comedy series starring Peter Bowles, James Bolam, Richard Wilson and Christopher Strauli. Glover has to go into hiding in the ward when a passionate reminder of his past appears on the scene (r). (Teletext) (s) (7234)

9.00 CHOICE **Champions: Speedway Stars.** (Teletext) (s) (8645)

10.00 Northern Exposure. Offbeat comedy about a New York doctor transferred to the wilds of Alaska. Tonight's episode includes an appearance by David Hemmings as a KGB officer with some files to sell. (Teletext) (s) (620505)

10.55 Soweto – A History. The second of a three-part series covers the period from the late 1960s and 1970s, focusing on the uprising of June 16, 1976 when a peaceful anti-apartheid protest by schoolchildren became a bloodbath when police opened fire on the demonstrators (4001166)



Bob Peck as the father of twins (midnight)

12.00 FILM: On the Black Hill (1987). An award-winning film examining Welsh rural life over a period of 80 years through the inter-linked experiences of twin brothers. Starring Mike and Robert Gwilym, Bob Peck and Gemma Jones. Directed by Andrew Grieve (61479682). Ends at **2.05am**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Kevin Greening **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00** Mark Goodier, including at **3.45** Batman **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Comedy Hour **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Debbie Thrower **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Six Silver Strings **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.04** Out and About and at **11.15** Actuality **12.00** Midday with Mar **2.05pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Good for a Quote **8.00** Champion Sport: live commentary on the FA Carling Premiership match **10.00** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.00** The Other Side of Midnight **2.00am** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Frühmagazin, in German **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** British News **7.15** The Learning World **7.30** Developing Health **8.00** World News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The House of the Spirits **8.30** Days of Good Hope **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Sounds of Gospel **10.30** The Learning World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Developing Health **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Composer of the Month: Johannes Brahms **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Jazz Score **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The House of the Spirits **3.45** Rock 'n' Roce **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World and British News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News and features in German **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Showtime for Shakespeare **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Multitrack 1 **1.00** World News **1.15** A Jolly Good Show **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Jazz Score **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: See Choice **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** Classical Gas **8.00** Evening Concert Sir Neville Marriner conducts Handel (Overture, Alcina), Haydn (Symphony No 100 in G, Military); Bach (Concerto in G minor); Handel (Concerto Grosso in D minor); Haydn (Trumpet Concerto in E flat); Schubert (Symphony No 5 in B flat) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N.J.-Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (8620944) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (3074012) *1.55 A Country Practice (69382654)* **2.20** Yan Can Cook (66310215) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (4530789) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (3018321) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1788505) **6.00** Home and Away (676505) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (632483) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (710437) **10.40** The Magic and Mystery Show (522447) **11.10** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (850079) **12.10am** Billy (8571529) **12.35** Renegade (4116364) **1.25** Sport AM (2234906) **2.25** Memories of 1970-1989 (1278155) **3.20** The Beat (7796906) **4.15** Jobfinder (3873513) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (14180)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (8620944) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (3074012) **1.55** A Country Practice (69382654) **2.20** Great House Cookery (66310215) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (4530789) **3.25-3.30** Central News (3018321) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1788505) **6.00** Home and Away (676505) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (632483) **10.30** Central News and Weather (710437) **10.40** Street Legal (697302) **11.35** Monday Fight (804925) **12.35am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (6301548) **1.40** Wanted Dead or Alive (3979277) **2.10** Naka (7205242) **3.25** Sport AM (7795277) **4.20** Hollywood Report (60943836) **4.45** Jobfinder (8413384) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6272513)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 Runway (51728586) **2.25-2.50** Cooking at the Academy (66328234) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1788505) **5.55** Home and Away (310296) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (632483) **10.40** Home Movies (522447) **11.10** You're the Boss (151760) **11.40** Spotlight (388012) **12.10am** Coach (8571529) **12.35** Renegade (4116364) **1.25** Sport AM (2234906) **2.25** Memories of 1970-1989 (1278155) **3.20** The Beat (7796906) **4.15** Jobfinder (3873513) **5.00-5.30** *America's Top Ten (14180)*

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (632483) **10.40** Primetime (522447) **11.10** Living Proof - Baby Basics (151760) **11.40-12.10pm** The Hidden Room (388012)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 Country Practice (69382654) **2.20** Yan Can Cook (66310215) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (4530789) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (437) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (789) **10.40** The Motor Show (524499) **11.20** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (835760) **12.20am-12.40** Adventure *(5450242) 5.00-5.30 Freescreen (14180)*

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (69382654) **2.20-2.45** Wish You Were Here..? (66329963) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (436596) **6.30-7.00** One Summer In Whitby (789) **10.40** New Voices (522447) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (199470) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (4490109) **12.35** Sail the World (5954830) **1.05** Cold Blood (4990548) **2.30** The New Music (46834) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (8742513) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (7956345)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (8620944) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry News (3074012) **1.55** The Young Doctors (51728586) **2.25-2.55** Gardening Time (66319586) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News (3018321) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (86505) **10.40** The Front Line (522447) **11.10** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (151760) **11.40** The Equalizer (197147) **12.35am** Renegade (4116364) **1.25** Sport AM (2234906) **2.25** Memories of 1970-1989 (1278155) **3.20** The Beat (7796906) **4.15** Jobfinder (3873513) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (14180)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (69382654) **2.20-2.45** Wish You Were Here..? (66329963) **5.55** Calendar (436596) *6.30-7.00 One Summer In Whitby (789)* **10.40** New Voices (522447) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (199470) **12.05am** IndyCar 94 (4490109) **12.35** Sail the World (5954890) **1.05** Cold Blood (4990548) **2.30** The New Music (46834) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (8742513) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (7956345)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (14437) **9.00** You Bet Your Life R (46499) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (138037) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (59963) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (76128) **1.00** Heaven, Hell And Suburbia (84296) **1.30** Blossom (75499) **2.00** Homefront (6247147) **2.55** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5248825) **3.45** Laurel And Hardy (6552296) **4.00** Slot 23 (6237321) **4.05** Ty Chwith (8567654) **4.20** Perlw Pop (4867925) **4.45** Mistar Bogel (1979789) **5.00** Batman (9215) **5.30** Fifteen To One (166) **6.00** Newyddion (763505) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (632296) **6.25** Heno (432465) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9079) **7.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (215) **8.00** Operavox: Turandot (5499) **8.30** Newyddion/news (7234) **9.00** Sgorio (8645) **10.00** Brookside (50692) **10.30** Roseanne (36012) **11.00** Snwcer: Pencampwriaeth Y Byd 1994 (2147) **11.30** Northern Exposure (199505) **12.25am** Soweto (4208432)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Social Science Foundation Course

6.55 Weather

7.00 On Air: Lully (Le Carrousel de Roy); Mozart (Horn Quintet in E flat, K407); Widor (Toccata, Symphony No 5 in F); Rossini (Overture, Elizabetta, Regina Inghilterra); Strauss (An die Nacht, Op 68 No 1), Respighi (Brazilian Impressions)

9.00 Composer of the Week: Bach (Cantata No 61, Nun komm der Heiden Heiland; Komm, Jesu, Komm, BWV 229; O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht; The Betrayal and Arrest, St John Passion)

10.00 Musical Encounters Copland (Quiet City); *Artist of the Week:* Jean-Pierre Rampal, flute, plays Ibert (Flute Concerto); Barber (Knoxville — Summer of 1915); **11.15** Ravel, Dukas and Widor (Homage to Haydn, 1909). Haydn (Symphony No 98 in D, Miracle)

12.00 Virtual Reality: Politics

1.00 News; BBC Lunchtime Concert: Hindemith (Kleine Kammermusik, Op 24 No 2); Nielsen (Wind Quintet, Op 43)

2.00 Schools: Tales from Europe **2.15** Infant History **2.25** Let's Move **2.45** The Song Tree

3.00 The BBC Orchestras: The BBC Concert Orchestra under James Lockhart with Ileana Ruhemann, flute, plays Rodrigo (Music for a Garden); Arrieu (Flute Concerto: Ileana Ruhemann); Schmitt (Suite, Sans esprit de suite)

3.45 New English Organs: Simon Preston plays Bach (Sei gegrüsset, Jesu Gütig, BWV 768); Jongen (Sonata Eroica, Op 94)

4.30 Unsquare Dances: The pianist and composer Dave Brubeck talks about his compositions for symphony orchestra and his oratorios, including *The Gates of Justice* and *Tritonis*

5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson asks what are the qualities of French music that make it so uniquely French

5.15 In Tune, with Andrew Green

7.30 Günter Wand Conducts Beethoven: Symphonies: No 1 in C, No 3 in E flat, Eroica (BBC Symphony Orchestra)

8.55 Raymond Carver Stories. Neighbours. The first of five selections, read by Bob Sherman

9.15 Young Artists' Recital: Ades (Five Eliot Landscapes); Kurtag (Chorale, In memoriam, Gyorgy Szoltsanyi: Hommage tardif à Karskaya; In memoriam Maurice Fleuret: Song Cycle, Three Old Inscriptions); Ades (Still Sorrowing)

10.00 John McCabe: Symphony No 1; Fire at Durilgai

10.45 Mixing It, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell

11.30 Music Restored: The German ensemble Musica Fiata performs instrumental music by Frescobaldi and Picchi, in the third concert from last year's Holland festival

1.00-2.30 Night School (as 2-3pm); **2.00** English 9-11, **2.20** Maths 9-11

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Parting Shots **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and Nigella Lawson. Their guests are Peter Ustinov, Penelope Leach, Susie Orbach and David Cannadine

10.00-10.30 News; Families and How to Survive Them (**FM** only): Fathering — and Authority. With John Cleese and Dr Robin Skynner (r)

10.00 Daily Service (**LW** only) from Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Belfast

10.15 The Bible (**LW** only): The Letters of Paul — Galatians to Thessalonians (6/8)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray, incl **11.00 News**

11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444 Lines open from 10am

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Counterpoint: Hosted by Ned Sherrin **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers *(r)* **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; A Wing and a Prayer, by Sue Limb. A tragic death forces Rose to reassess her life. With Siân Phillips *(r)*

3.00-10.05 Test Match Special (**LW** only): West Indies v England from Antigua

3.00 Anderson Country (**FM** only): 071-765 5540

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (**FM** only): Paul Vaughan visits an exhibition of Elizabeth Watson's art, and meets a 13-year-old virtuoso violinist

4.45 Short Story (**FM** only): Birdsong, by Vincent McInerney. Read by James Ellis

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News (**FM** only)

6.30 The News Quiz (**FM** only) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (**FM** only)

7.20 The Food Programme (**FM** only), with Derek Cooper (r)

7.45 The Monday Play: Come to the Circus (**FM** only), by Lesley Davies. Sam's parents do not heed the teenager's cries for help. With Abigail Docherty and Sharon Duce

9.15 The New Recruit (**FM** only). See Choice

9.30 Kaleidoscope (**FM** only) (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (**FM** only)

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Uncle Fred in the Springtime. Crawford Logan reads from P.G. Wodehouse (8/10)

11.00 On the Ropes (**FM** only): John Humphrys talks to Sara Parkin, former chair of the Green Party (r)

11.30 The Older Woman (**FM** only): Martin Clunes, Zoë Wanamaker and Toyah Willcox star in a comedy by Tony Begley (r)

11.00 Education Matters (**LW** only): Libby Purves looks at revising

11.30 Today in Parliament (**LW** only)

12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

The New Recruit. *Radio 4 FM, 9.15pm.*

This should be required listening for all pop stars with ideas of twanging and singing their way into the charts in less time than it takes to say "Ah lerves yer". Toyah Willcox, a youngish veteran of the pop scene, gives advice to Roz King, a hopeful newcomer whose promotion tape she is assessing. "A stunning intro . . . bit too long . . . *slightly out of tune . . . a fraction tense . . . excellent potential*". Willcox's no-frills philosophy after 20 years in the music game is: "Stuff fame! as long as you're happy — but happiness can't be guaranteed."

Lunchtime Concerto. *Classic FM, 2.00pm.*

Two pleasant surprises in one and the same programme. The first is the revelation (not widely disseminated) that Rachmaninov wrote a fourth piano concerto. Not a patch on the first three, admittedly, but not deserving its neglect merely because its melancholy bits do not gel with its bouts of cheerfulness. The second surprise is that there really *is* such an ensemble as the Iceland Symphony Orchestra. Pretty good it is, too. Today's soloist is William Black.

Peter Davalle

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (51593302) **8.45** Cartoons (8513296) **9.30** Card Sharks (5480012) **9.55** Concentration (5498931) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2018760) **10.30** The Urban Peasant (86031) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (31128) **12.00** Paradise Beach (77383) **12.30pm** E Street (25418) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (13673) **2.00** Lace II (36993) **3.00** Another World (8271079) **3.50** DJ Kat (9077418) **5.00** Star Trek (9470) **6.00** Paradise Beach (5383) **6.30** E Street (8963) **7.00** Blockbusters (7499) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5147) **8.00** X-Files (74708) **9.00** Crime International (46437) **9.30** Seinfeld (88334) **10.00** Star Trek (57031) **11.00** Late Show with Letterman (45321) **12.00** The Outer Limits (65864) **1.00-2.00am** Hill Street Blues (11109)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (48079) **9.30** 60 Minutes (86457) **11.30** Japan Business Today (66857) **1.30** CBS News (68654) **2.30** Parliament Live (38925) **3.30** Parliament Live continued (58166) **4.30** News and Business (5760) **7.30** Special Report (3789) **9.30** Talkback (88316) **11.30** CBS News (94944) **12.30am** ABC News (13567) **1.30** Special Report (80277) **2.30** Travel Destinations (45695) **3.30** Talkback (95190) **4.30** Special Report (89890) **5.30** CBS News (48068)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (4878550)
10.00 The Pistol (1990): A 1950s basketball player fights with his coach's son (88556296)
11.50 Cromwell (1970): Richard Harris as England's notorious Roundhead (80865031)
2.10pm The Ugly American (1963): An American ambassador (Marlon Brando) encounters turmoil in Asia (188383)
4.10 Mysterious Island (1961): Captain Nemo and his mismatched band fend off prehistoric monsters (11066234)
6.00 The Pistol (as 10am) (68147)
8.00 The Amy Fisher Story (1993): Fact-based story of a woman who crippled her lover's wife. Starring Drew Barrymore (16569963) **9.40 UK Top Ten** (635550)
10.00 Frankie and Johnny (1991) A short-order cook woos a disenchanted waitress. With Al Pacino and Michelle Pfeiffer (22857)
12.00 Deathstalker III: The Warriors from Hell (1988) A barbarian warrior embarks on another perilous mission (40703)
1.30am Vietnam War Story: The Last Days (1990). Fact-based trilogy (6312513)
2.50 Midnight Ride (1992) A cop hunts his wife's murderous kidnapper (7198180)
4.20 Mysterious Island (as 4.10pm) (176258). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) Gene Wilder plays an eccentric chocolate magnate (46963)
8.00 The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds (1972). Joanne Woodward struggles to raise her two teenage daughters (58708)
10.00 An American Werewolf in London (1981) David Naughton is bitten on the Yorkshire moors (17983). Ends at **11.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Treasure (1990). Two American boys hunt for buried treasure (64789)
8.00 Alice in Wonderland Lewis Carroll's classic children's tale (83925)
9.00 Brer Rabbit's Christmas Carol: Animated seasonal adventure (53499)
10.00 The Seven Little Foys (1955): The *story of vaudeville star Eddie Foy (Bob Hope)* and his family. With James Cagney (27876)
12.00 The Prisoner (1955, b/w): A churchman is tortured and brainwashed (19418)
2.00pm The Daughter of Rosie O'Grady (1950) Vaudeville musical (46925)
4.00 Alice in Wonderland (as 8am) (33963)
5.00 Brer Rabbit's Christmas Carol (as 9am) (2708)
6.00 Bad Attitudes (1992). Youngsters foil the hijackers of a private jet (66789)
8.00 The Fatal Image (1990): A mother and daughter are on the run from a killer in Paris With Michele Lee, Justine Bateman (61234)
10.00 Double Impact (1991): Jean-Claude Van Damme plays twin brothers who vow to *hunt down their parents' murderers (519876)*
11.50 Let Him Have It (1991): The true story of Derek Bentley who was hanged for murder. With Chris Eccleston (744285)
1.45am Dead Sleep (1991): Nurse Linda Blair suspects foul play in a hospital carrying out experimental sleep treatment (645513)
3.15 Ultraviolet (1991): Two hikers stumble upon a killer in the desert (3758523)
4.35 Bad Attitudes (as 6pm) (2595806). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (78673) **7.30** Adventure Sport (44296) **8.30** World Sports (73654) **9.00** The Big League (97857) **10.00** Football: Leeds United v Tottenham Hotspur (25893) **12.00** US-PGA Golf (881019) **3.00pm** Test Match Cricket: West Indies v England (79779708) **5.15** Soccer (880876) **5.45** Test Match Cricket (55872465) **10.30** Soccer (992079) **10.45** Basketball (910234) **12.45-1.15am** Snowboarding (166987)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (82876) **8.00** Show Jumping (67681) **9.00** Marathon (82925) **10.00** Athletics (71760) **11.00** Formula One (68296) **12.00** Motorsports (21166) **1.00pm** Tennis (182654) **3.30** Eurofun (5925) **4.00** Marathon (118234) **6.30** News (5760) **7.00** Speedworld (83605) **9.00** Boxing (83470) **10.00** Football (98857) **11.00** Eurogolf (69789) **12.00-12.30am** News (95513)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (1686012) **7.30** Neighbours (1585147) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2008499) **8.30** EastEnders (2090470) **9.00** The Bill (2014050) **9.30** Nancy Astor (8537673) **10.35** The Duchess of Duke Street (9851147) **11.30** The Sullivans (3457302) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2001586) **12.30pm** Neighbours (3697470) **1.00** EastEnders (1585383) **1.30** The Bill (3696741) **2.05** Adrian Mole (4182673) **2.30** Man About the House (8748866) **3.00** Knots Landing (3468418) **4.00** Dynasty (1189401) **5.00** Every Second Counts (8359031) **5.40** The Goodies (8980963) **5.55** Sykes (2138166) **6.30** EastEnders (9398627) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (8777296) **8.00** Sorry (4102437) **8.30** Man About the House (4181944) **9.00** Shoestring (9706708) **10.05** The Bill (2002215) **10.30** Happy Families (9712003) **11.10** Kenny Everett (7781876) **11.50** Dr Who (6898437) **12.20-1.50am** FILM: Tall in the Saddle (1944, b/w): A ranch foreman is framed for murder (75717606)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (53437) **6.30** Babar (57789) **7.00** Paddy (8609505) **7.15** Tic Tac Toons (599305) **7.45** Beverly Hills Teens (8095514) **8.10** Head to Head (5191760) **8.15** You Can't Do That on Television (844012) **8.45** Pastagums (7053321) **9.00** Droibee Time (39857) **10.00** Nellie the Elephant (86789) **11.00** RatKan II (19321) **11.30** Babar (10050) **12.00** Paddy (5751234) **12.15pm** Tic Tac Toons (137234) **12.45** Beverly Hills Teens (8613708) **1.10** Head to Head (29254079) **1.15** You Can't Do That on Television (133418) **1.45** Pastagums (64307857) **2.00** Barney and Friends (2741) **2.30** Blinky Bill (1352) **3.00** RatKan II (1876) **3.30** Casper and Friends (5393128) **3.55** Head to Head (3843505) **4.00** Beakman's World (4692) **4.30** Saved by the Bell (1596)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Batfink (4277505) **7.15** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (957925) **7.45** Rugrats (956296) **8.15** Doug (178085) **8.45** Batfink/George of the Jungle (8810234) **9.00** Banana Splits (95876) **9.30** Kate and Orbie (8093383) **9.45** Mother Goose (8011166) **10.00** Poodles (9788586) **10.15** Eureeka's Castle (9787437) **10.30** Galaxy High School (4329673) **10.45** Nick Shorts (4324128) **11.00** David the Gnome (66215) **11.30** Bananas in Pyjamas **12.00** The Monkees (75012) **12.30pm** The Muppets (25505) **1.00** Wisdom of the Gnomes (75596) **1.30** Bananas in Pyjamas/Mother Goose/Katie and Orbie (24876) **2.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (8383) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (6654) **3.00** Galaxy High School (7418) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Turtles (8499) **4.00** Killer Tomatoes (3514) **4.30** Rugrats (5418) **5.00** Clarissa (2963) **5.30** Are You Afraid of the Dark (9370) **6.00** Doug (7383) **6.30-7.00** The Monkees (1963)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Bird's Eye View (8043930) **4.30** The Arabians (1897494) **5.00** Pacifica (4104685) **5.30** Terra-X (6946966) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (3803031) **7.00** The New Explorers (4184031) **7.30** Those Who Dare (3283073) **8.00** Out of the Past (3784596) **9.00** Aussies (9797080) **10.00** The People's Game (9707437) **11.00** Earthfile (3446296) **11.30-12.00** Wildlife (6551128)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Seven Days Leave (1942, b/w): Musical comedy with Lucille Ball, Victor Mature (8591321) **1.45pm** Yesteryears (96392857) **2.00 FILM:** Dangerous Moonlight (1941, b/w): A Polish pilot joins the RAF (8269005) **3.45** Art Linkletter (10560437) **4.00** Mothers-in-Law (2443596) **4.30** My Three Sons (9819160) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (4191321) **5.30** Hogan's Heroes (6843352) **6.00** I Spy (3607857) **7.00** Cannon (9795892) **8.00** The Avengers (9771012) **9.00 FILM:** Hoffman (1970): Peter Sellers plays a lonely man who falls for his typist (9781499) **11.00** Get Smart (3466050) **11.30-12.00** Dorimy and Marie (6548654)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony (6490012) **7.00** Living (9244960) **8.00** Fighting Back (8056383) **8.30** Room for Change (8054654) **9.00** Dr Ruth (8078234) **9.30** Days of Our Lives (1208012) **10.30** Young and the Restless (9508673) **11.30** John Tovey (4658383) **12.00** Stars and Signs (84787321) **12.15pm** Living (98710499) **12.30** Housecalls (7808296) **1.00** On the House (2751302) **1.30** Crosswits (7638895) **2.00** Agony (3721296) **3.00** Living (3661234) **3.45** Gladrags (64328963) **4.00** Definition (2510876) **4.30** Infatuation (2509760) **5.00** Musiquest (2148505) **5.30** Meet Your Mate (7392449) **5.45** Kilroy (8557128) **6.30** Take Six Cooks (2511505) **7.00** Definition (2128741) **7.30** That's Amore (2517789) **8.00** Young and the Restless (4103321) **9.00** FILM: The Washington Affair (1987): Tom Selleck blackmails a government worker (4678147) **10.30** Fame and Fortune (8675147) **11.00** That's Amore (4672963) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation (3759079)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (6321) **5.30** Zorro (1128) **6.00** Trivial Pursuit (1741) **6.30** Catchphrase (5321) **7.00** All Clued Up (3857) **7.30** *The Pyramid Game* (1505) **8.00** Escape from Jupiter (2505) **8.30** FILM: Across Five Aprils: American Civil War drama (20505) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (29857) **10.30** Rhoda (38505) **11.00** Lou Grant (87418) **12.00-1.00am** Remington (21432)

MTV

5.00am Wild Side (350428) **8.00** VJ Ingo (987079) **11.00** Soul (68383) **12.00** Greatest Hits (59586) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (756234) **3.30** The Report (1988760) **3.45** At the Movies (1983215) **4.00** News (8720505) **4.15** 3 from 1 (8710128) **4.30** Dial MTV (2234) **5.00** Hit List UK (41079) **7.00** Greatest Hits (43876) **8.00** Meat Loaf Live (29296) **9.00** The Real World II (10466) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (60215) **10.00** The Report (756012) **10.15** At the Movies (783695) **10.30** News (534079) **10.45** 3 from 1 (522234) **11.00** Hit List UK (93437) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (56838) **2.00** Videos (5668513)

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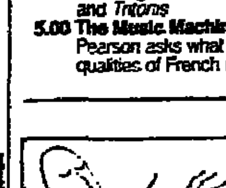
6.00am Persian Dawn (94483) **7.00** Asian Morning (40012) **8.00** News (41741) **9.00** Serial (26383) **10.00** Pakistani FILM (683741) **1.00pm** Serial (97895) **1.30** Hindi FILM (590944) **4.30** Kiddie Time (7302) **5.00** TVA and You (36147) **7.00** Serial (9499) **7.30** BBCD (7147) **8.00** News (149741) **8.15** Hindi FILM (24778505) **11.15** Serial (398789) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (1531890) **1.35-2.00** Sight and Sound (6601906)

TNT

Theme: Cons and Capers
7.00pm The Biggest Bundle of Them All (1968): Gangsters kidnap a crime boss to help them to commit a daring raid. With Edward G. Robinson (79918234)
9.00 Honeymoon Machine (1961): Steve McQueen defrauds a casino (79777128)
10.40 Penelope (1966): Neglected wife Natalie Wood robs her husband's bank in a plea for attention (83183611)
12.25am A Slight Case of Larceny (1953, b/w): Garage owners find a way of tapping their rivals' petrol supplies (24884242)
1.50 The Great Diamond Robbery (1954, b/w): Red Skelton is persuaded to take part in a gem heist (11133708)
3.15 What! No Beer? (1933, b/w): Buster Keaton and Jimmy Durante set up a brewery during Prohibition (51879167). Ends at **5.00**

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High street sales hopes hit 13-month low

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

■ The stock market wants an interest rate cut this week and gloomy retail statistics from the CBI might encourage one, bolstered by last week's good inflation figures

RETAILERS' sales expectations are at their lowest for more than a year, according to new figures today which show that trade in Britain's high streets is rising only slowly.

The latest sluggish sales figures from the Confederation of British Industry follow improved inflation figures last week but precede a range of key economic and business indicators from the Government this week on jobs, borrowing and retail sales.

They suggest continuing uncertainty, especially among consumers, about the strength of the economic recovery, which ministers will be keen to try to dispel before the local government elections.

The stock market is hoping that this indication of a decelerating economy will be enough to warrant a base rate cut of 0.25 per cent. There is limited time to implement a cut as a gilts auction gets under way on Wednesday and the Treasury and Bank of England do not want to cut during the election campaigns.

The chance of a rate cut this week will depend on whether Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, agreed that the way could be left open for one at their meeting on March 30.

A cut will also depend on whether the unemployment and retail sales figures offer more evidence that the economy is faltering before this month's tax increases. Ministers are hopeful that the latest unemployment figures, due on Wednesday, will continue the fall seen last month, while City economists are forecasting a slight rise in retail sales, in figures to be announced the following day, after a 0.5 per cent fall in February.

The latest quarterly survey, from the British Chambers of Commerce, due this week, should contain cheering news. It is expected to show a marked improvement in the prospect for jobs, particularly in two of the country's key business areas: the West Midlands and London.

The CBI's latest Distributive Trades Survey for March, covering a total of 15,000 outlets in retailing, wholesaling and the motor trade, shows that sales expectations among retailers are the lowest for 13 months.

The balance of high street retailers suggesting growth in the volume of sales — ie, those forecasting a rise against those predicting a fall — is still positive, at 14 per cent, but is the smallest figure since the 5 per cent of February 1993.

Actual high-street sales continued at a slow pace in March after similarly moderate growth in the previous two months, the CBI says, with a balance of 12 per cent — a good deal lower than the expectations of a 25 per cent balance. Sales continue to be below normal for the time of year.

Mail order firms, though, report "significant" annual increases in sales volumes, with a balance as high as 92 per cent registering an increase. But of the other main retailing groups, only large multiple stores record rises in volume, with both small multiples and single-outlet shops reporting a fall in sales. Durable goods sales were up, but retailers selling furniture, carpets, hardware, china and DIY goods all saw lower volumes.

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades survey panel, said: "The modest growth in retail sales in March is perhaps a further indicator of the uncertainty facing consumers. Sales for the time of year are regarded as below average, virtually to the same extent as in January and February, when volume growth started to slacken."

By contrast, wholesalers report that sales volumes increased strongly in March, rising by the sharpest rate since October last year. But on this basis, wholesalers expect the pace of sales growth to slow in the 12 months to April.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Curtain raiser: Insuring against cancellation of shows, such as the current West End hit *A Month in the Country* at the Albery Theatre, is the business of Lombard Insurance, which publishes its pathfinder prospectus tomorrow before a market flotation that could value the group at £65 million. Andrew Laing, left, managing director, and John Clench, operations director, run a specialist insurer concentrating on low and medium-risk policies. The pathfinder will contain an earnings forecast that will focus on the group's continued profitability.

Barclays to shake up corporate banking

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

BARCLAYS Bank is to separate its large corporate customer account business from the rest of the bank. The corporate business will be put into a new management group headed by Graham Pimlott, the head of corporate and structured finance at BZW, Barclays' investment banking arm.

The changes will be announced this week by Martin Taylor, the chief executive. Mr Taylor is also thought to have decided to break up Barclays' divisional structure and to set up management groups defined by its customer groups. At present, Barclays has three divisions: banking, BZW and service businesses.

Although Barclays has not wholly separated corporate banking from the rest of its retail banking business by moving it into BZW, it has gone halfway to doing so. Sir Peter Middleton, BZW's chairman, will have board responsibility for the new management group instead of Alastair Robinson, chief executive of the banking division.

Barclays hopes the move will enable it to sell its more profitable BZW services to corporate loan customers.

Last year, Barclays moved its corporate customer accounts in the US, Europe and Japan into BZW under Mr Pimlott. At the same time, it launched a review of the way it handled large corporate business in the UK with a view to adopting a similar approach.

However, the bank found that its UK corporate account relationships were more complex than those with large customers overseas.

Had it followed this route, it would have been closer to National Westminster's approach; NatWest Markets handles corporate customers' accounts.

A spokesman for the bank refused to comment on the reorganisation plans.

However, he confirmed that Andrew Buxton, the bank's chairman, has had a pay rise this year. His basic salary from January 1 has increased from £300,000 to £350,000, despite the fact that he has shed a part of his workload, handing over the chief executive's responsibilities to Mr Taylor. Mr Robinson's salary was also increased, from £190,000 to £220,000. The spokesman said the increases were decided by the bank's remuneration committee and "reflect the need for Barclays to be able to retain and motivate the best senior executives".

Russia goes slow on nuclear risk

By Colin Narbrough

RUSSIAN reluctance to give priority to safety improvements at its nuclear plants is expected to figure prominently at the two-day annual meeting of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), which starts in St Petersburg today.

The proximity of St Petersburg to Sosnovy Bor, one of three plants the EBRD's nuclear safety fund (NSF) has earmarked for urgent improvement, highlights the risks.

Western cost estimates for upgrading Soviet-designed nuclear power plants range from $20 billion to $30 billion. The NSF last year received pledges of 104 million ecus (£80 million) from 13 countries, including Britain, as well as funds from the European Union, but bank officials say the the Russian authorities have dragged their feet.

Receivers put Piccadilly site on sale



Raymond: interest

By Carl Mortished

THE Rialto cinema and Café de Paris nightclub at Piccadilly Circus will be put up for sale this week by the receivers of the Trocadero. Bids of up to £20 million have already been received by KPMG Peat Marwick for the site, which fronts on to Coventry Street at the heart of London's entertainment district.

Once a London landmark, the Rialto cinema was opened in 1913 and was listed by English Heritage in 1989 to protect its lavish design and ornamental plasterwork. The cinema closed two years ago, and the adjoining buildings have suffered from neglect, but keen interest from the entertainment and property industries could see redevelopment of the site as a virtual reality entertainment complex. Interest is mooted from groups such as Sega and Rank, as well as Family Leisure, a private company that owns amusement arcades in the West End. A link-up with a real estate group is likely, and Paul Raymond, the Soho property tycoon, is known to be interested.

The Café de Paris nightclub was hit by a bomb during the second world war, but amid the mayhem and debris, so the story goes, several bottles of champagne were found to clean the wounds of injured dancers.

The Rialto corner site forms part of the Island site, a block of properties once owned by Brent Walker and Power Corporation but neglected as the partners developed the ill-fated Trocadero next door.

Their financial troubles led to a foreclosure by the banks on the properties and the Island site is now being managed for the receivers by Shaftesbury, the property group, which has appointed agents Davis & Coffer to find a buyer.

Midland denies bond loss rumours

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

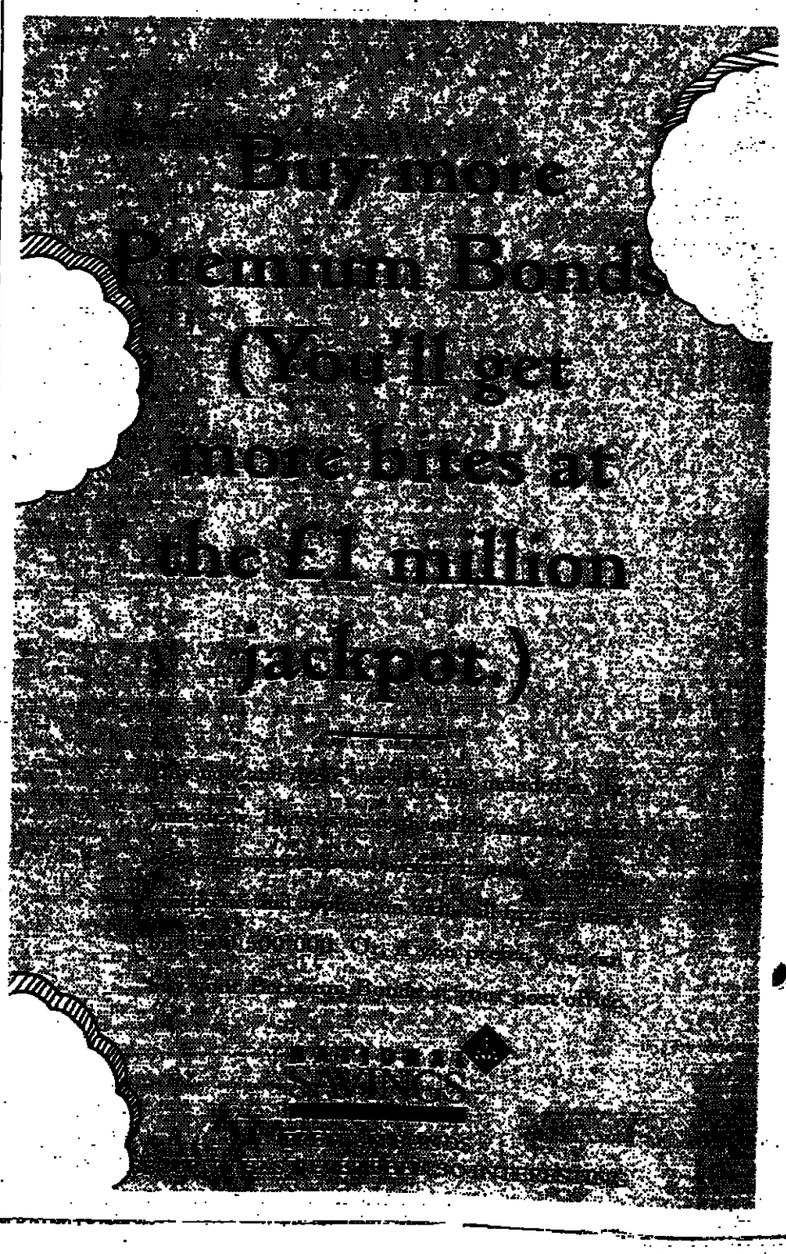
MIDLAND Global Markets, the treasury and capital markets arm of Midland Bank and its owner, HSBC Holdings, denied rumours that it had lost a small fortune in the bond market. The rumours go back at least to the rout on world bond markets in February and anonymous faxes have been sent to several national and international newspapers. At the weekend, the bank was forced to act.

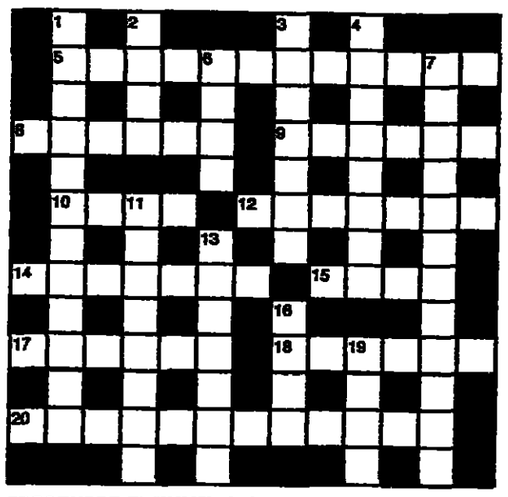
"We have not taken a bath," a spokesman said. "We think somebody has a deliberate campaign to undermine Midland." One bond market operator confirmed last night that the rumours were "common knowledge". They were strengthened by reports last week that four senior executives at Midland Global Markets had departed. The bank says the four left for reasons unconnected with the apparent whispering campaign.

The faxes, the spokesman added, "seem to be saying that there are problems at MGM among the top management, and they are falling out among themselves because of problems created by the general market place".

Midland believes the campaign could be inspired by a rival that is in trouble. "It's happened before that if somebody's taking a bath, they start a campaign to distract attention," the spokesman added.

He refused to comment on speculation that the fax messages, some of which apparently emanated from within the bank, may have been part of an internal campaign to discredit Guy Heald, the head of global markets.





TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 141

ACROSS

5 Action no longer challengeable (4,8)
8 Life-sized carving (6)
9 Prayer (Ophelia's?) (6)
10 Discontented longing (4)
12 Suffer; withstand (7)
14 Court session; a sense (7)
15 Boast (4)
17 Spotted tile (6)
18 Old county of W Scotland (6)
20 Beneficial (12)

DOWN

1 Unattributable (remark) (3,3,6)
2 Absorbent bandage fabric (4)
3 Eight-armed mollusc (7)
4 Make sour (8)
6 Conclusion of prayer (4)
7 Mirror (7,5)
11 Perpendicular (8)
13 On the way (2,5)
16 Straight fringe of hair (4)
19 Get bigger (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 140

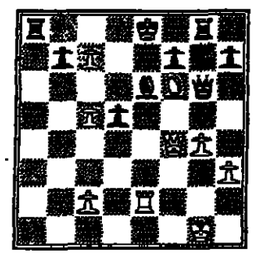
ACROSS: 1 Cooper 4 Basil 8 Pride 9 Turn out 10 Trinity 11 Bede 12 Sac 14 Lunch 15 On tap 18 Top 20 Page 22 Society 24 Trefoil 25 Rishi 26 Honed 27 Points

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By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Musjnik - Voronkov, Moscow 1948. White is a rook down but has a tremendous initative on the dark squares, as well as a passed pawn on c7. How does he make the most of these?



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Raymond Keene, page 7

By Philip Howard

FADY

a. Unduly fussy
b. Fading
c. Carpenter's compasses

FRISCO

a. A caper
b. A fried rice fricassee
c. A four-masted schooner

SCAD

a. To dash or sprint
b. A sneak
c. A slab of peat

SHUFF

a. A besom
b. An inferior brick
c. Dandruff

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